

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X

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VERTICAL COMICS

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Ayuko Oka (17)



At 4'8", she's very small, but her figure is well-developed and quite gorgeous. Tsubaki spotted her kissing Ueno in the classroom after school, but she's not too bothered by it. Like Tsubaki, she is responsive to Urabe's drool.

Kouhei Ueno (17)



Tsubaki's best friend. He's been going out with their classmate, Oka, since they were sophomores. Ueno's fond way of talking about Oka frequently influences Tsubaki's ideas about relationships.

Aika Hayakawa (17)



Tsubaki's former classmate, whom he had a crush on in middle school. She now attends the prestigious Hoshinome Girls' Academy. Though she is a typical young beauty, her sense of values is slightly off.

Characters

Akira Tsubaki (17)

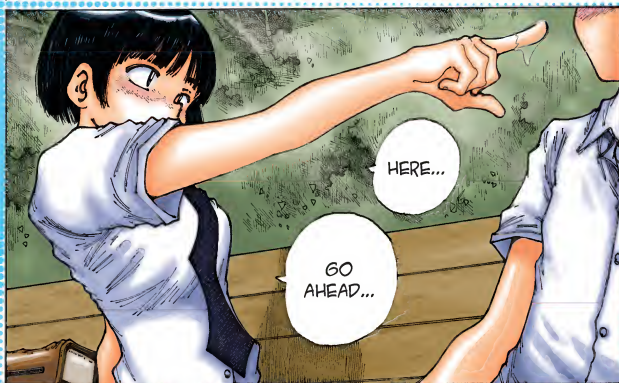
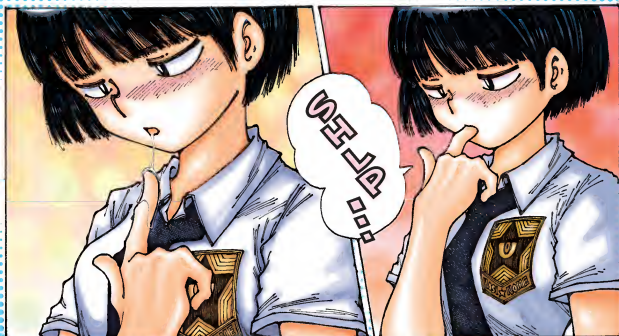


The protagonist of the story. His bizarre relationship with Urabe began after he licked her drool one day. He is as interested in girls as any boy his age, but Urabe takes the lead in their relationship and Tsubaki can't seem to initiate any progress between them.

Mikoto Urabe (17)

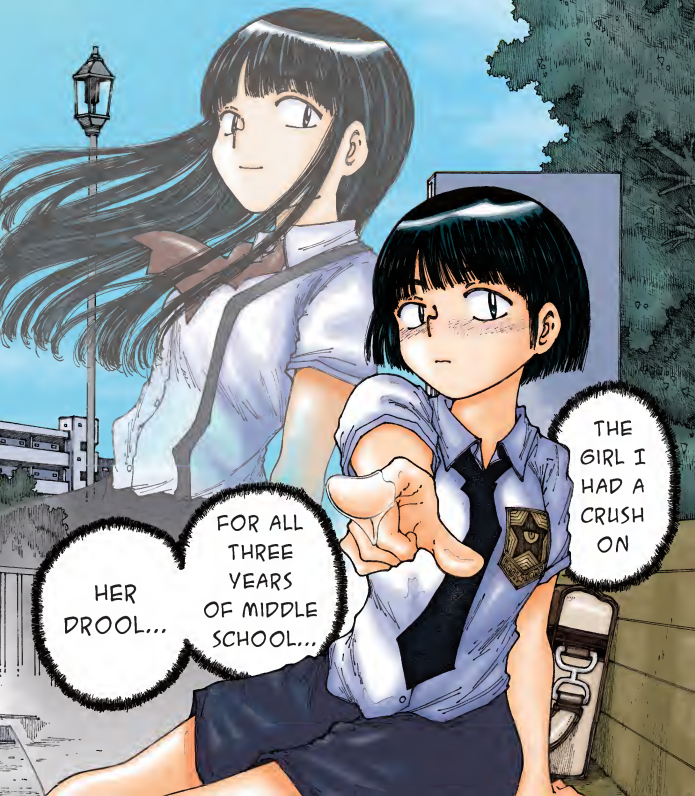


A transfer student who joined Tsubaki's class. She can convey her own feelings through her drool, as well as pick up on Tsubaki's feelings through his. She's antisocial and everything she says and does is mysterious, but her ideas about love are very pure. Her hobby is using scissors, which she can use to cut up anything.



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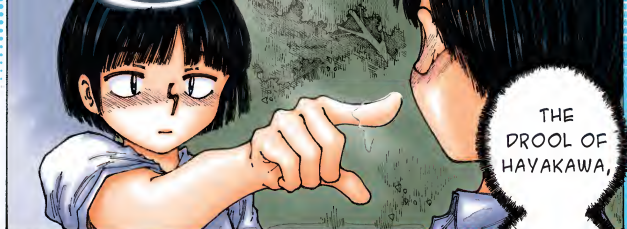
MYSTERIOUS LETTER OF CHALLENGE



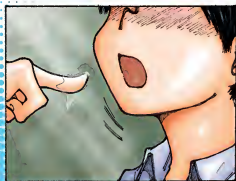
HER
DROOL...

FOR ALL
THREE
YEARS
OF MIDDLE
SCHOOL...

THE
GIRL I
HAD A
CRUSH
ON



THE
DROOL OF
HAYAKAWA,



THE GIRL
I ALWAYS
ADMIRER
...



OUR...

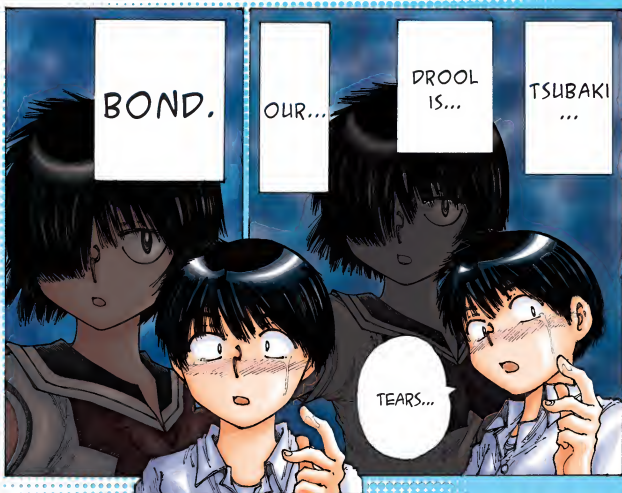
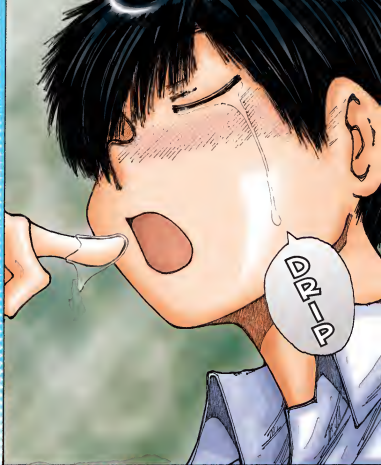
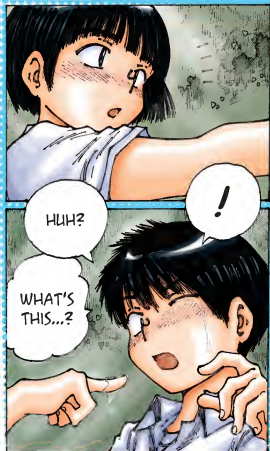
DROOL
IS

TSUBAKI
...



OUR...





DROOL
IS OUR
BOND.

AH...

URABE
...!!

IF I TASTE
DROOL FROM
ANOTHER
GIRL,

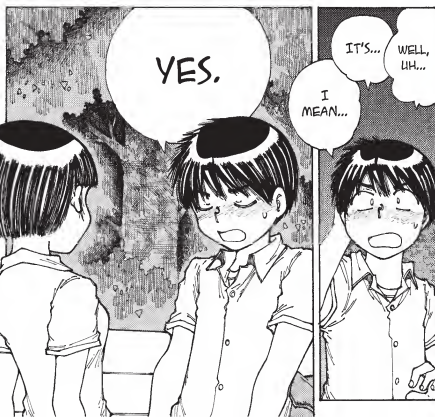
MY BOND
WITH URABE
MIGHT BE
BROKEN...

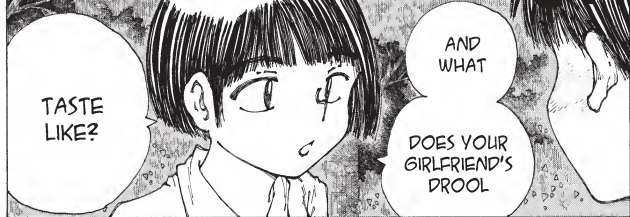
THAT
WOULD
BE...

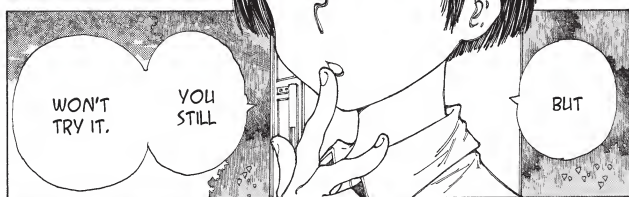
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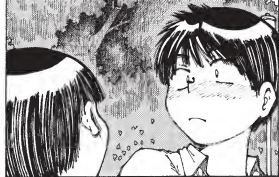












GIRL-
FRIEND'S
NAME?

WHAT
IS
YOUR



URABE...

MIKOTO
URABE.

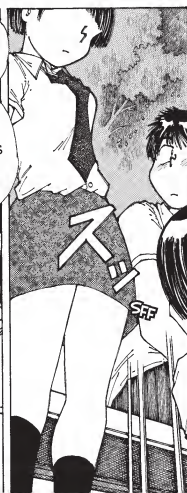


BUT
I FEEL
A LITTLE
BETTER
NOW.

I'VE
BEEN
FEELING
DOWN
LATELY,

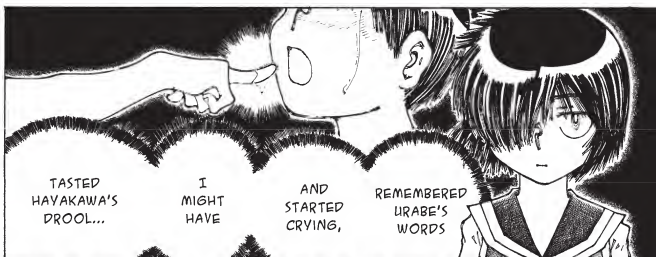
TSUBAKI,

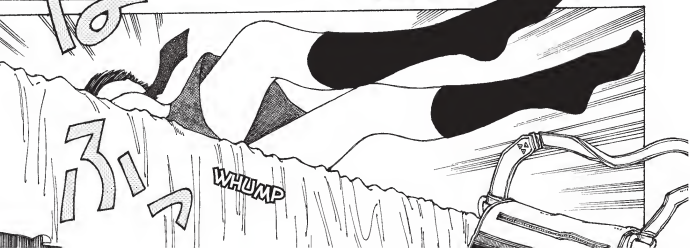
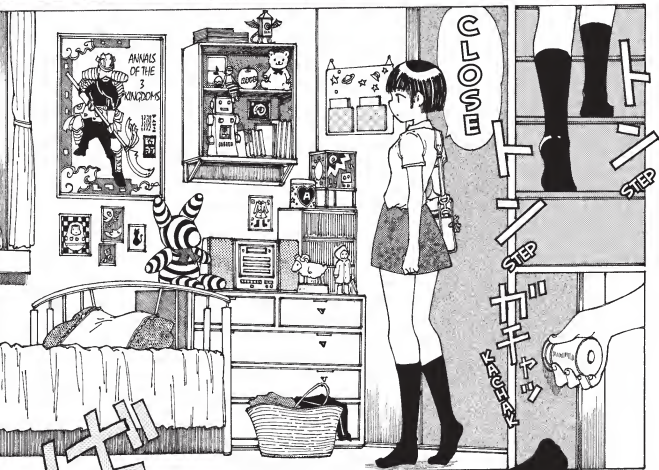
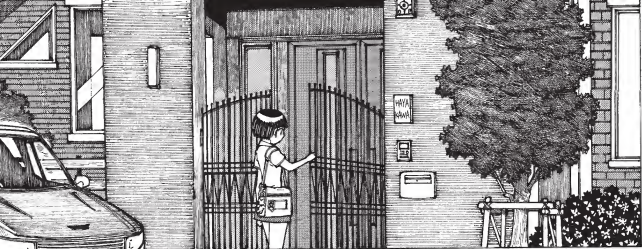
THANKS
FOR SPENDING
TIME WITH ME
TODAY.

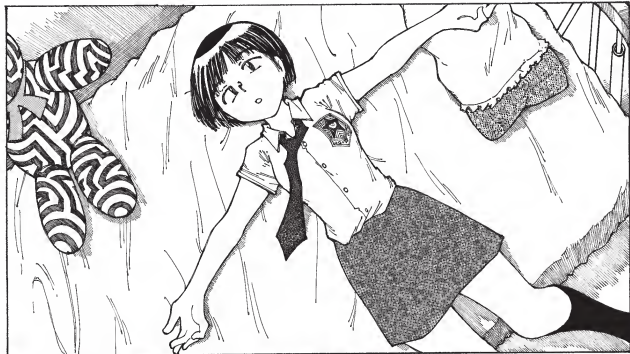


MIKOTO...

URABE...



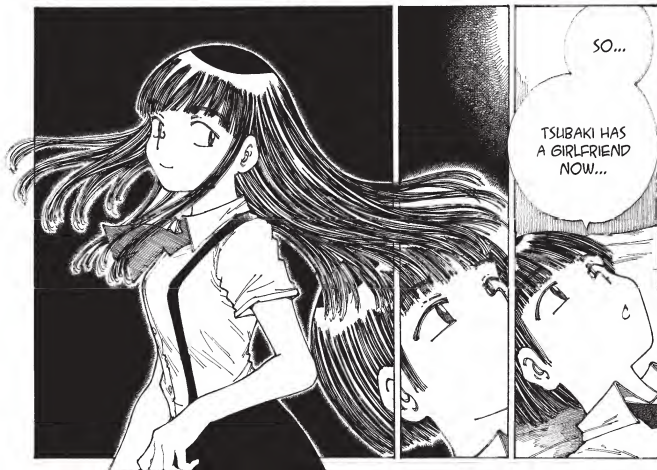




I'M
REALLY,
REALLY
SORRY!!

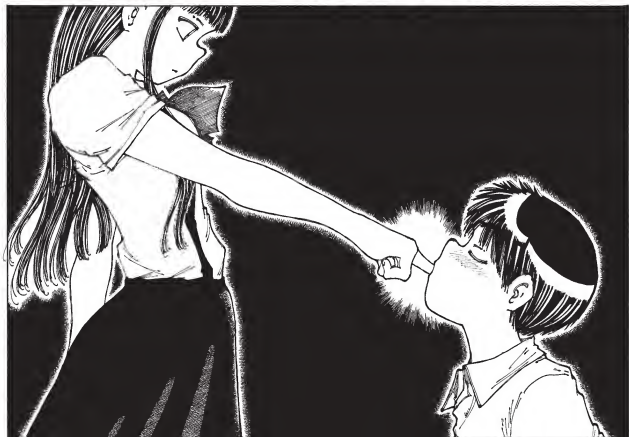
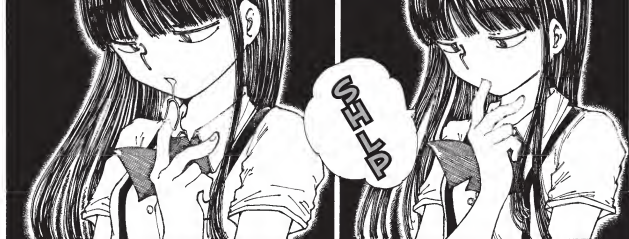
SO I
CAN'T.

THERE'S
SOMEONE
I LOVE
NOW,



SO...

TSUBAKI HAS
A GIRLFRIEND
NOW...



I BET
HE WOULD'VE
TASTED IT...

STILL
IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL,

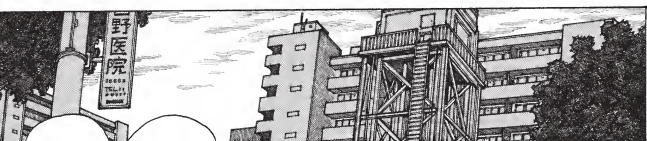
IF WE
WERE

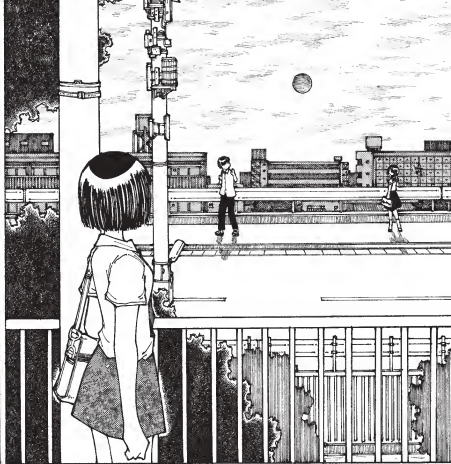
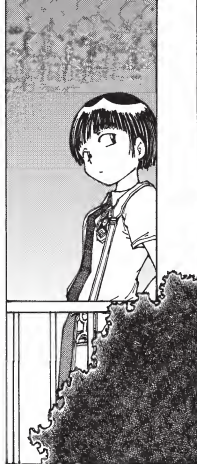


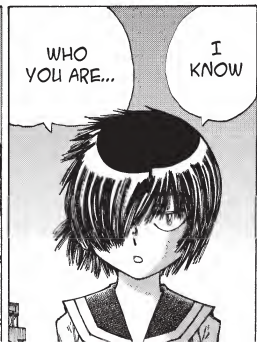
I
REALLY...

SOMEHOW...





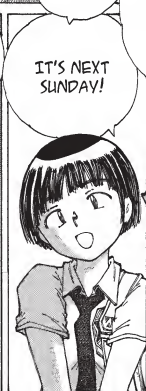
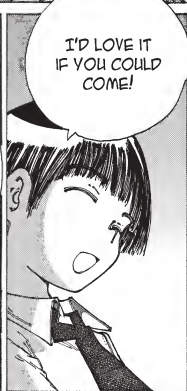
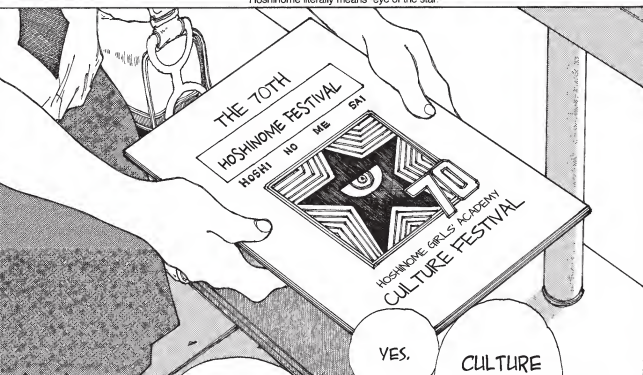








"Hoshinome literally means 'eye of the star'."



TSUBAKI
WILL ALSO BE
COMING.



LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT!

NEXT
SUNDAY!

I THINK
YOU'LL

SEE SOMETHING
THAT'S VERY
INTERESTING.

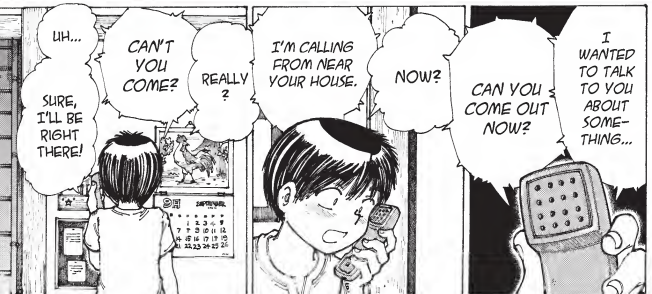


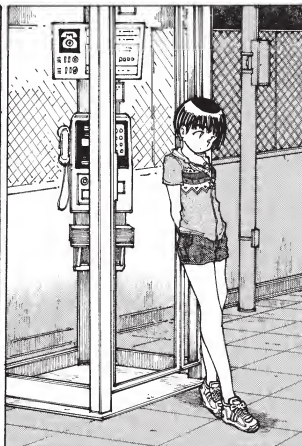


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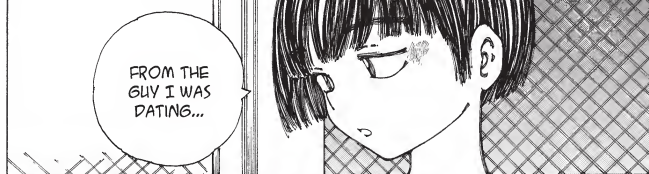
MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL—
THE NIGHT BEFORE













CAN YOU
COME TO OUR

CULTURE
FESTIVAL NEXT
SUNDAY?

HUH?!

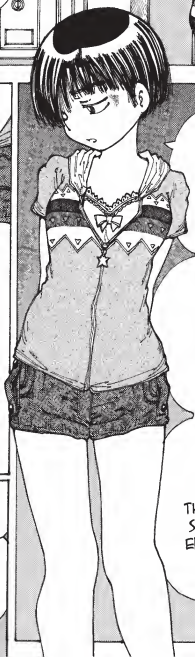


AND I
THINK
HE'LL
GIVE
UP...



YOU
MEAN...

SO,



HE'LL BE
COMING
TO THE
FESTIVAL,
TOO,

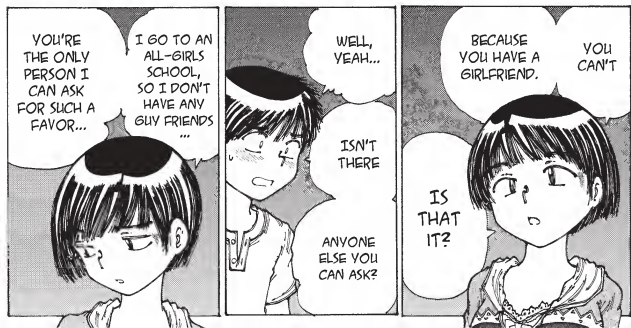
BUT IF HE
SEES ME
WITH YOU,

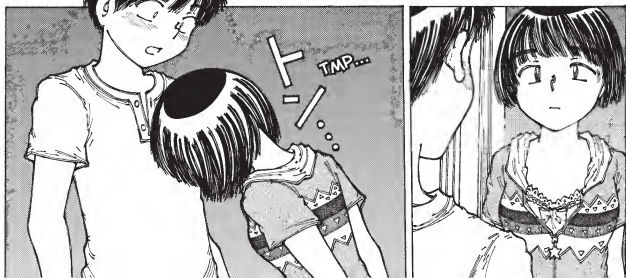
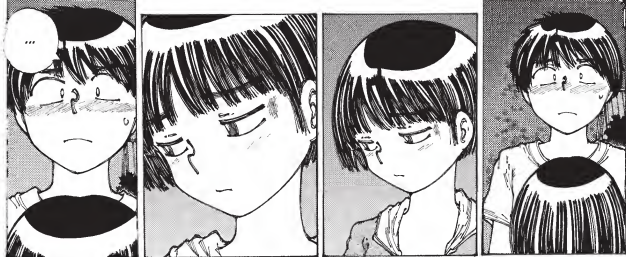
HE'LL
REALIZE
THAT I LIKE
SOMEONE
ELSE NOW...

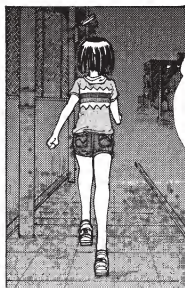
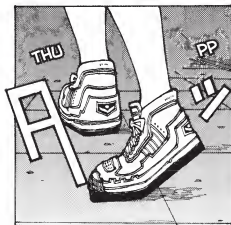
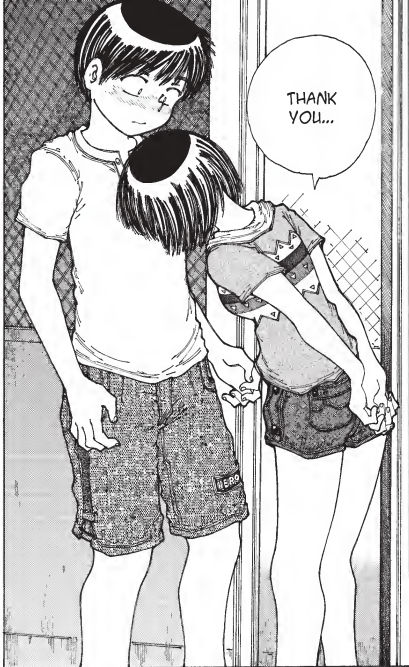


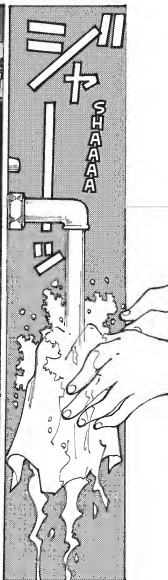
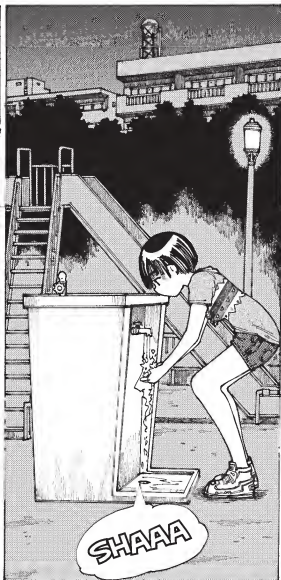
AT
HOSHINOME
GIRLS'
ACADEMY
?

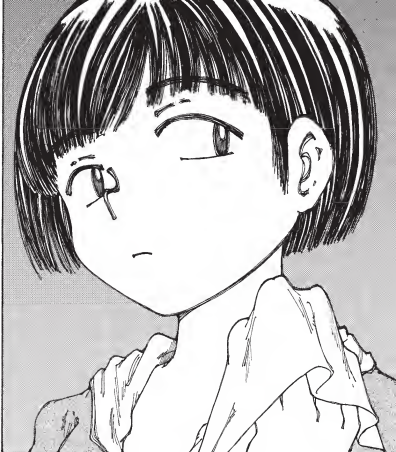
WHY?



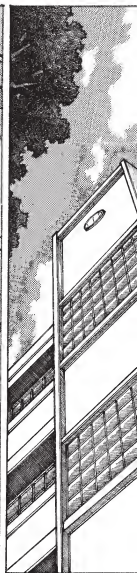
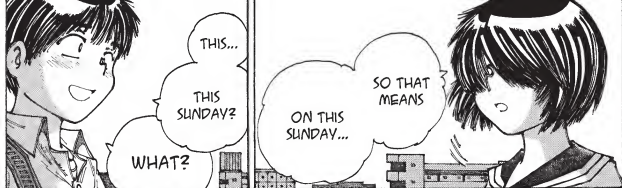


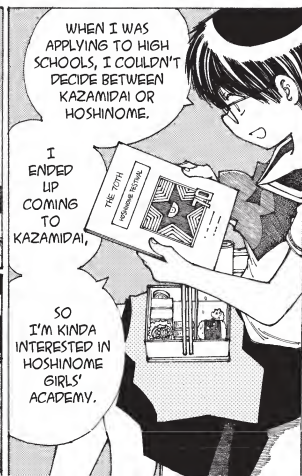


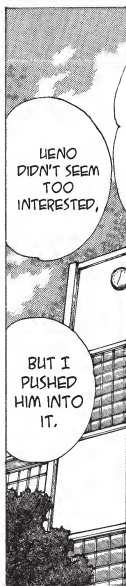


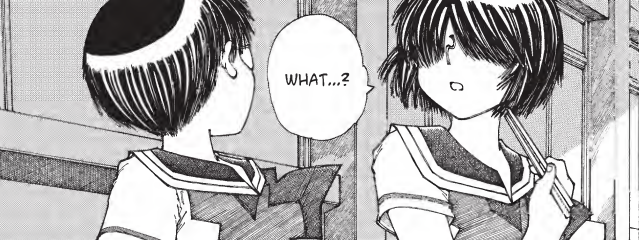








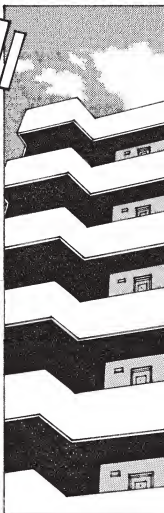
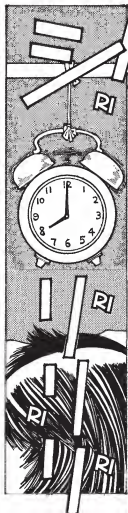
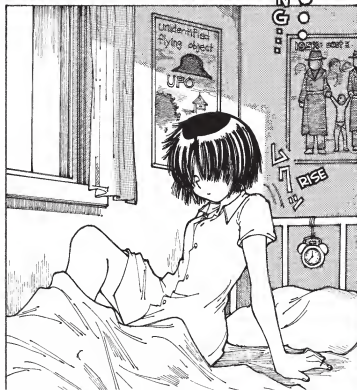
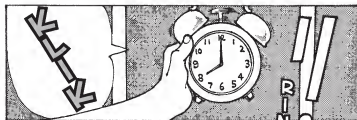


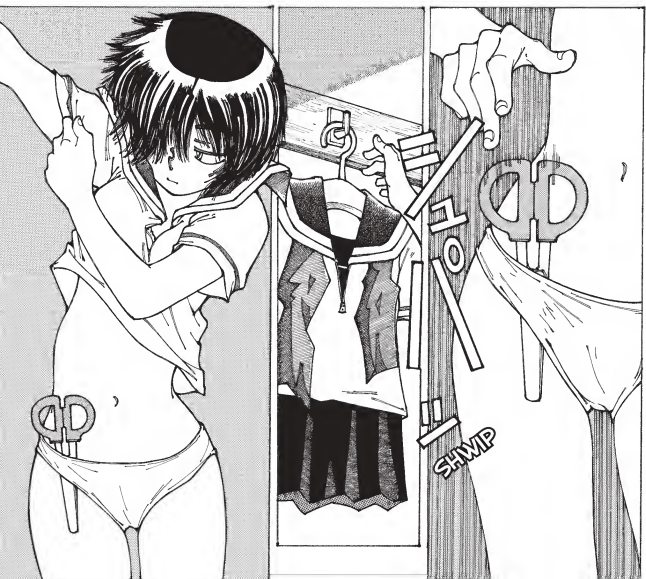
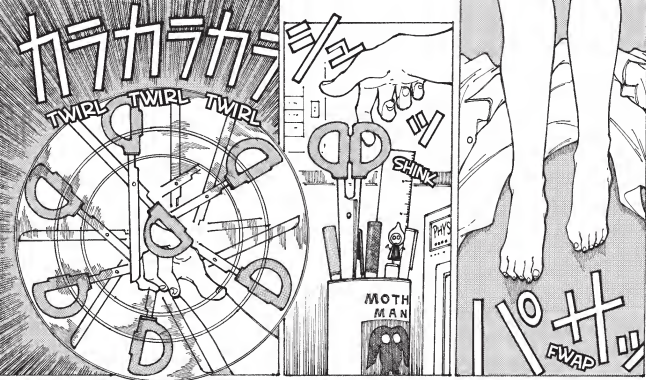


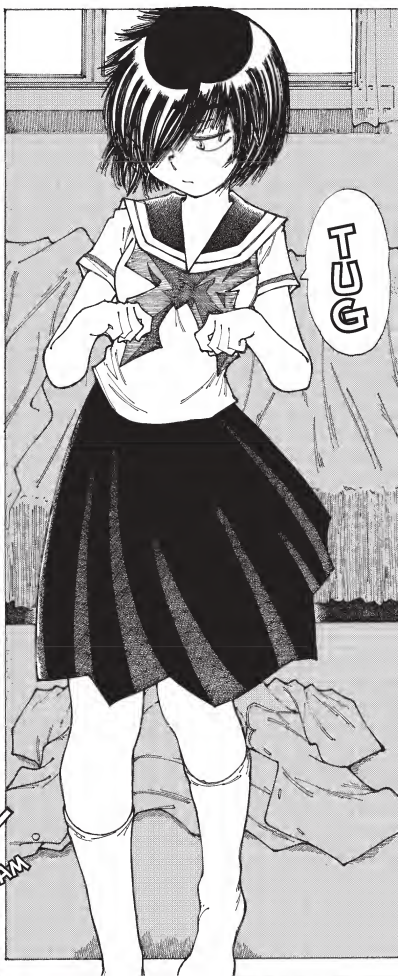
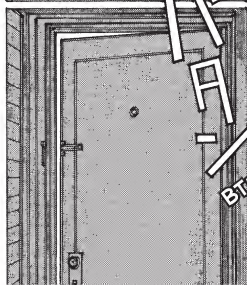
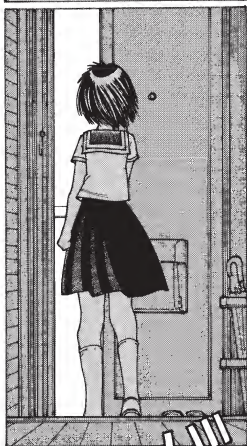
TSUBAKI
WILL ALSO BE
COMING.

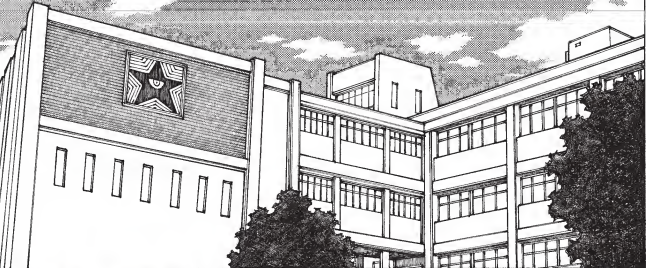
I'D LOVE IT
IF YOU COULD
COME!
BECAUSE...

NEXT
SUNDAY!
LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT!









✂ END OF CHAPTER 30

"Mysterious Girlfriend X" School Uniform Guide, Part 1



The Prestigious Girls' School with a 70-Year History

HOSHINOME GIRLS' ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION: A town in Tokyo

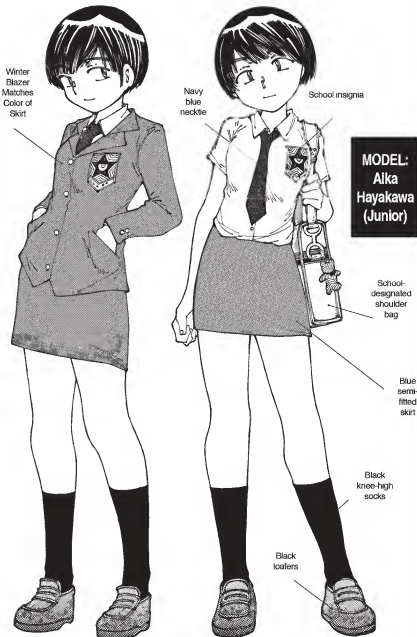
POPULATION: 900 students

REMARKS: Known for the unusual nature of its culture festival.

By the way,
this is the
uniform
of Urabe's
school,
Kazamidai
Municipal
High School.

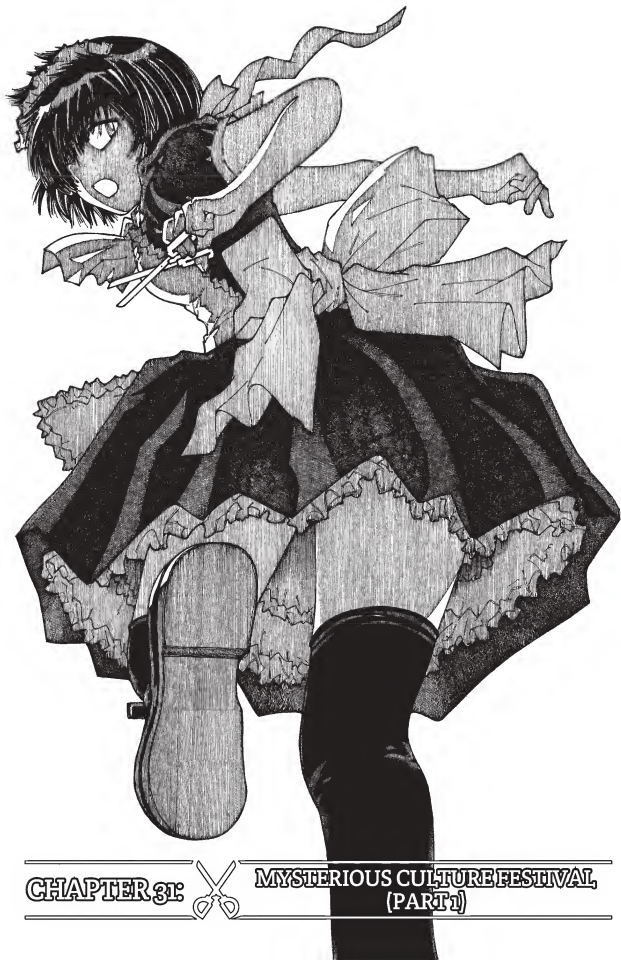


Red tie,
navy blue skirt.
Two white
lines on collar.
A very
orthodox
sailor-style
uniform.



MODEL:
Aika
Hayakawa
(Junior)

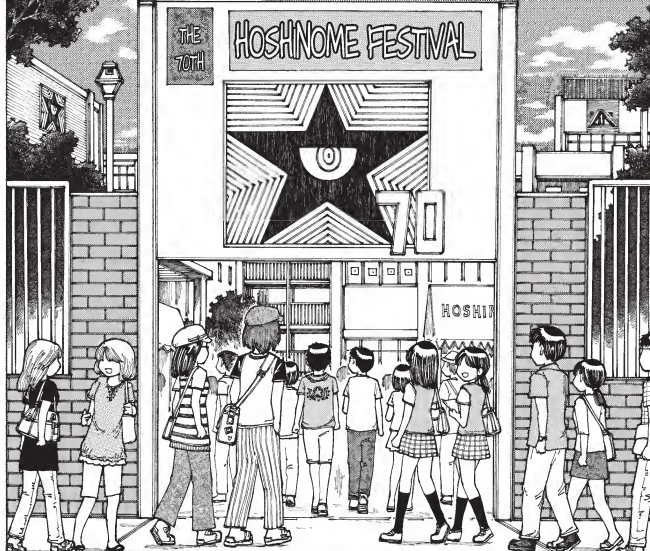
A simple design in a blue motif.

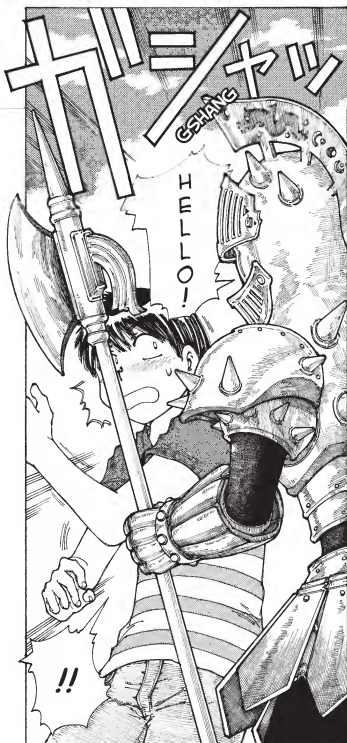


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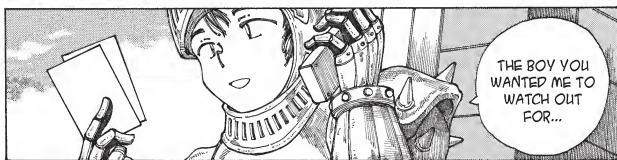
MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL
(PART 1)







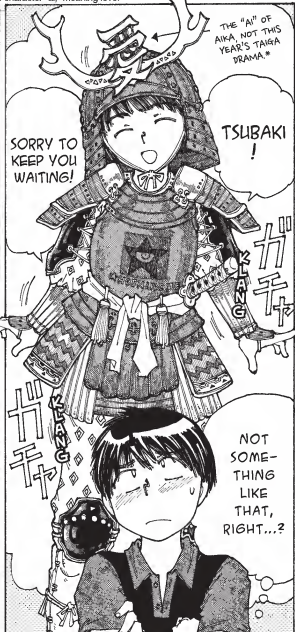


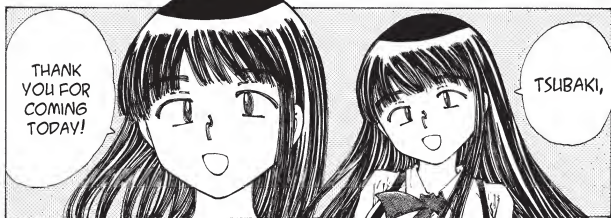


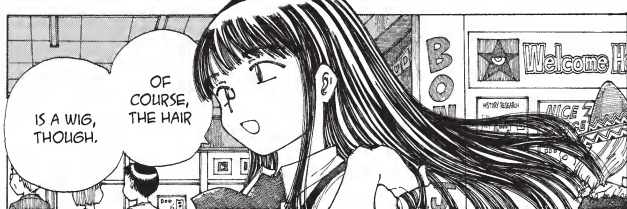




"In the 2009 Taiga drama Tenshiin, samurai Naoe Kanetsugu wore a helmet with the character "ai," meaning love.

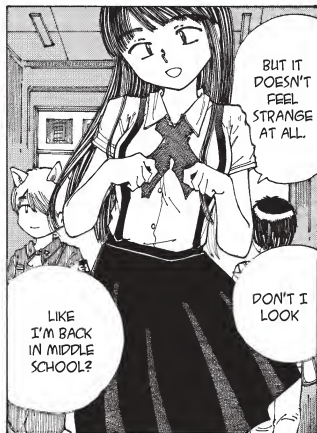






IS A WIG,
THOUGH.

OF
COURSE,
THE HAIR



BUT IT
DOESN'T
FEEL
STRANGE
AT ALL.

LIKE
I'M BACK
IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL?

DON'T I
LOOK

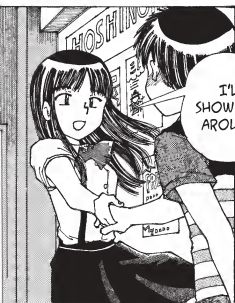


I THOUGHT
THIS WOULD
BE BEST.



I WASN'T
SURE WHAT
COSTUME
TO WEAR,

BUT SINCE I
KNEW YOU'D
BE HERE,



I'LL
SHOW YOU
AROUND!



COME
ON,

LET'S
GO!



YOU'RE
RIGHT...

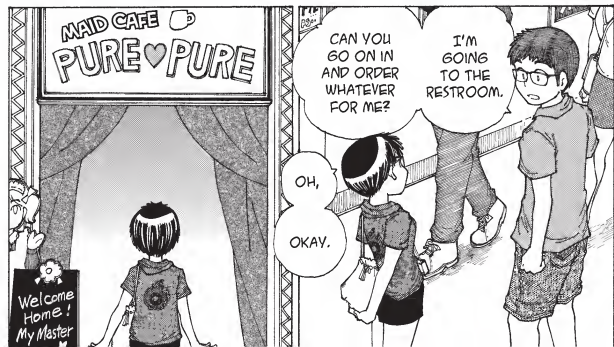
YOU
LOOK
JUST THE
WAY YOU
USED
TO...

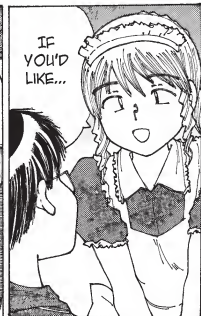
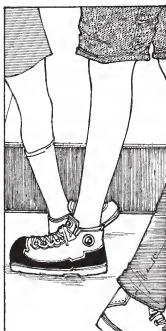
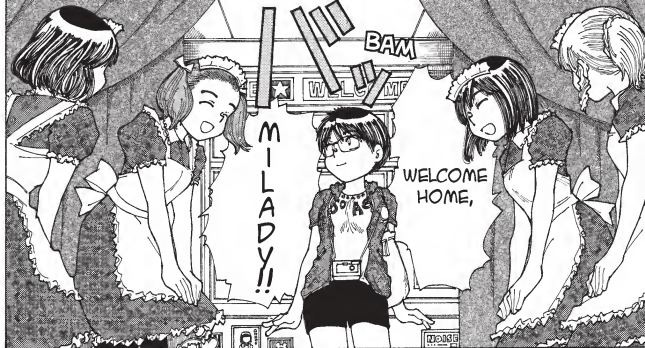
V...

YEAH...

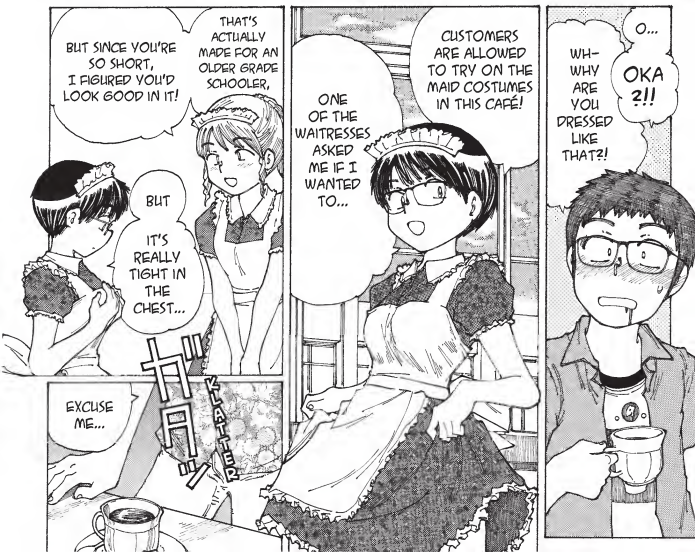
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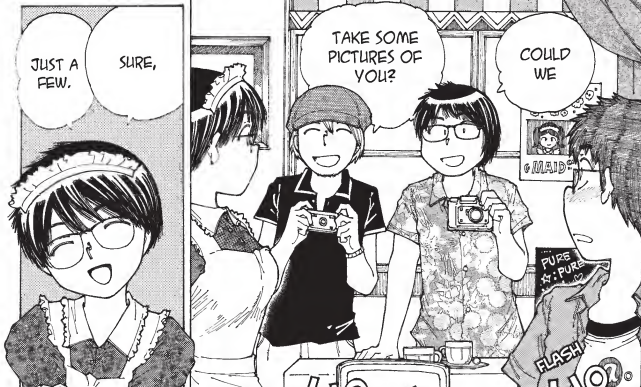
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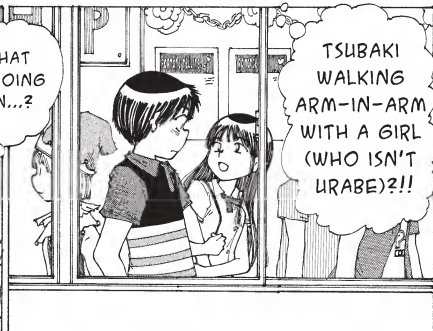


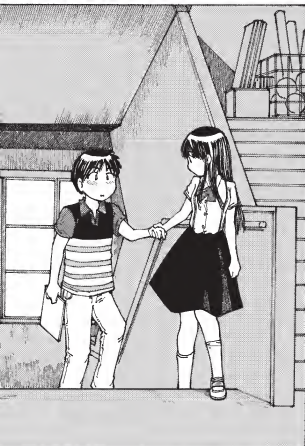


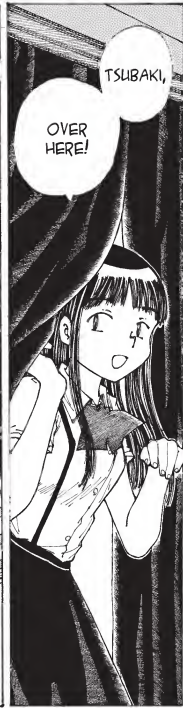
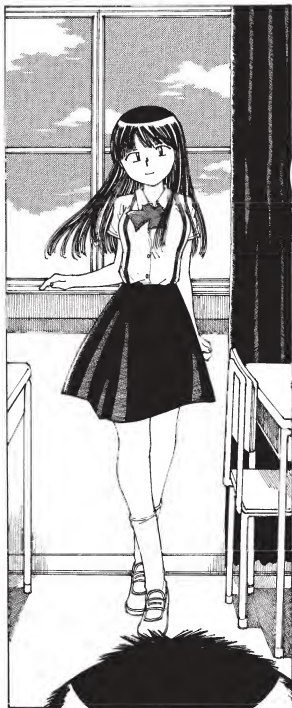
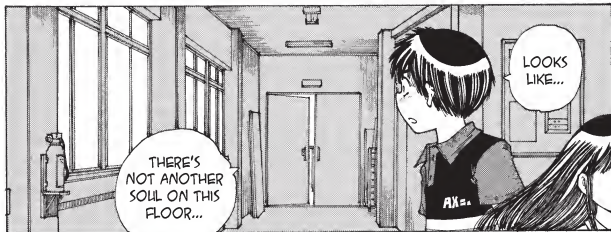


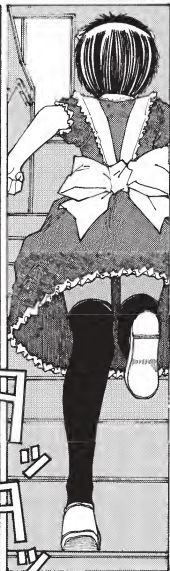
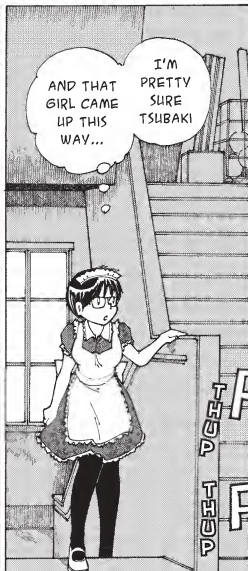
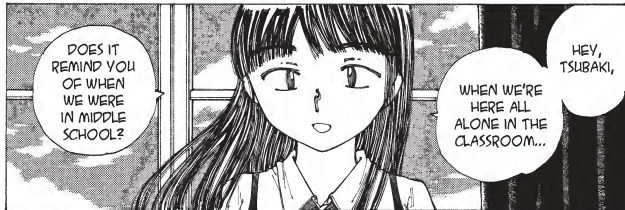


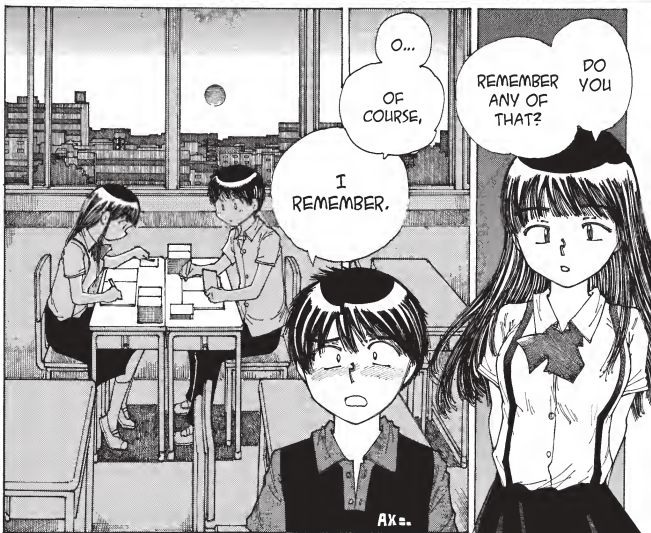
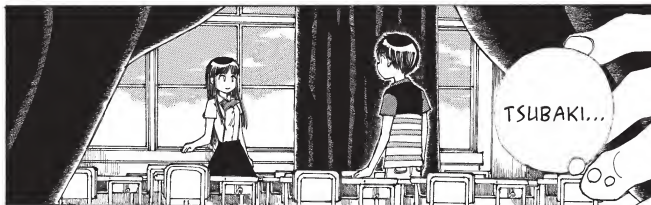


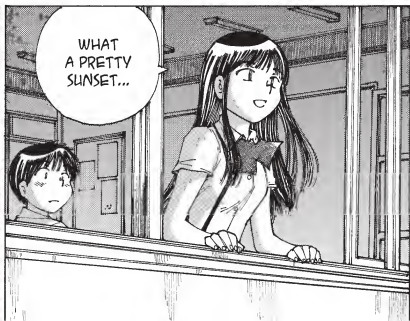
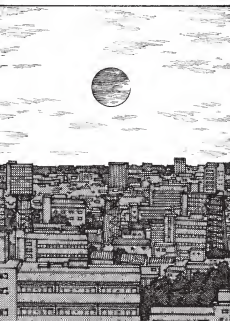
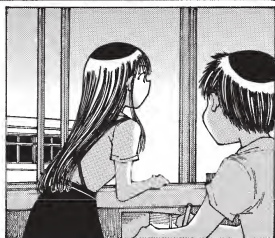
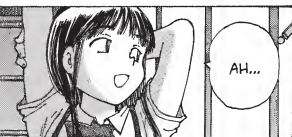


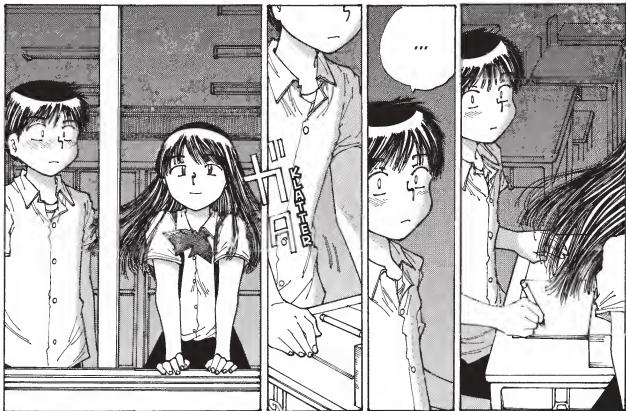
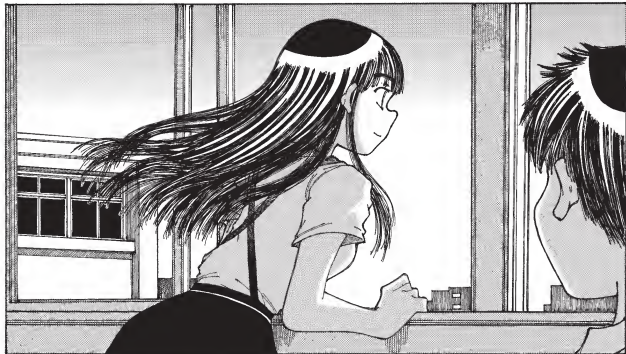
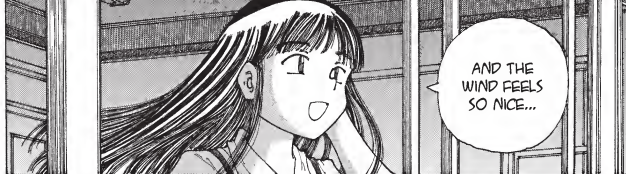


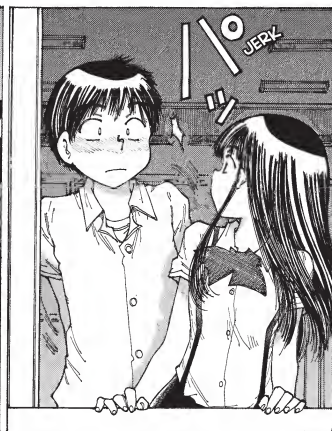
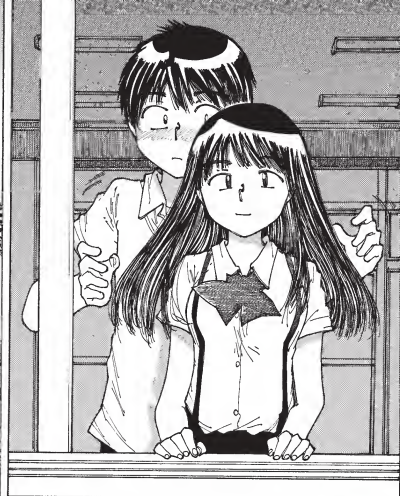
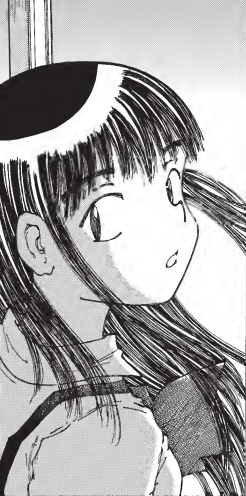


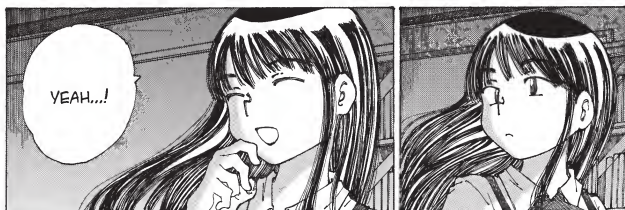


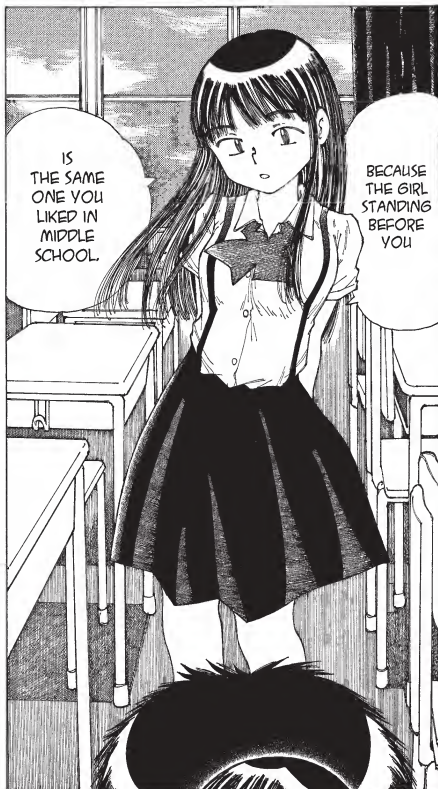












IS
THE SAME
ONE YOU
LIKED IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

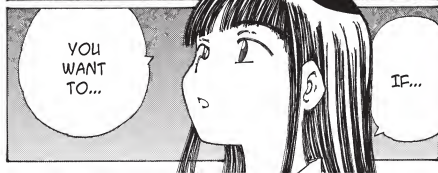
BECAUSE
THE GIRL
STANDING
BEFORE YOU

A
THUP

BUT...

YOU
CAN DO IT
NOW.

HUH...?



YOU
WANT
TO...

IF...





WHAT
...?

YOU
CAN PUT

YOUR ARMS
AROUND ME
NOW.



ONCE
YOU STARTED
HIGH SCHOOL
AND GOT A
GIRLFRIEND,

SO,
TSUBAKI...

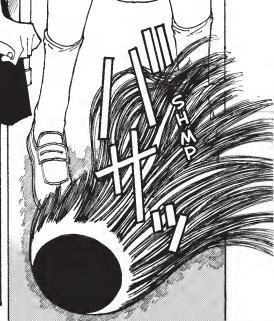
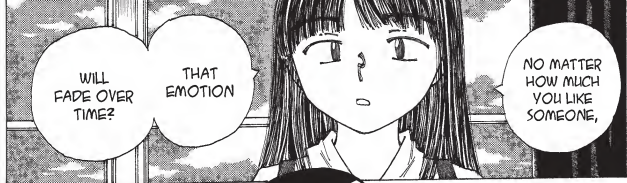
BECAUSE
YOU HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND?

WHY?

THAT'S
A BAD
IDEA...

THAT...

YOUR
FEELINGS
FOR ME BACK
THEN WERE
NO LONGER
REAL?







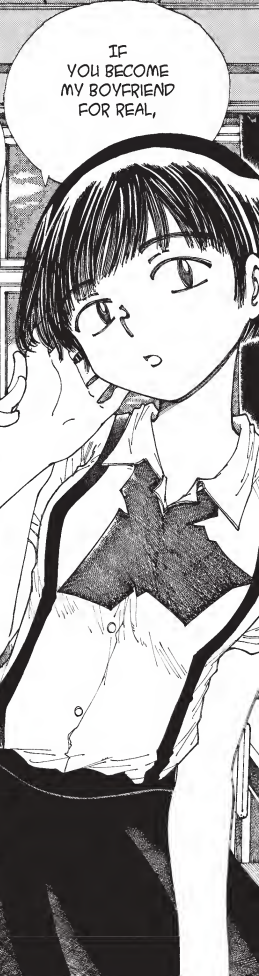
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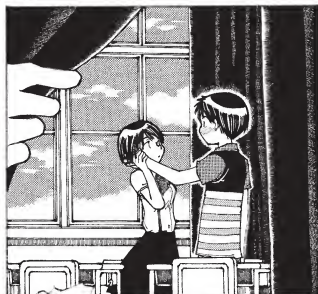


WHAT
...?

I'LL GROW MY
HAIR BACK TO THE
LENGTH IT USED
TO BE...



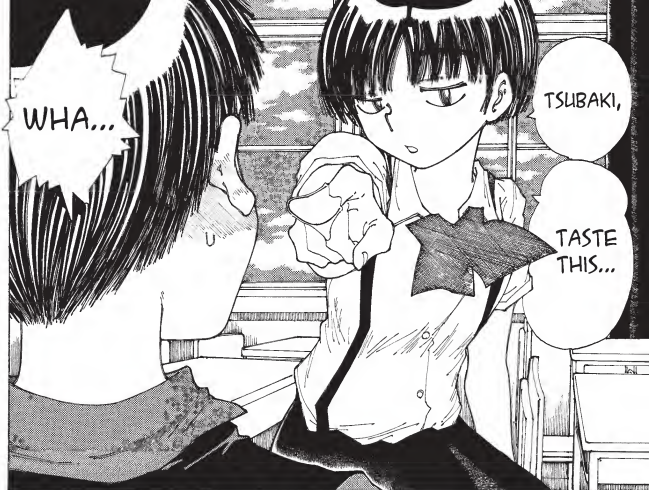
IF
YOU BECOME
MY BOYFRIEND
FOR REAL,



W
H
A
A
T
?!!







WHA...

TSUBAKI,

TASTE
THIS...



I WANT
YOU TO
TASTE MY
DROOL,
TOO.

BEFORE YOU
DECIDE BETWEEN
YOUR CURRENT
GIRLFRIEND,
URABE, AND ME...

SO

THAT WAS WHY
YOU WOULDN'T
TASTE MY DROOL
THE OTHER DAY,
RIGHT?

AND

I KNOW
THAT YOU
HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND.

TASTES
SWEETER TO
YOU...

FIND OUT
WHETHER
MY DROOL
OR URABE'S
DROOL

YOUR
DECISION...

AND
THEN
MAKE

BUT...

B...

HAYA-
KAWA...

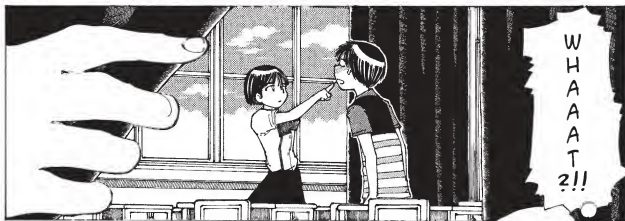
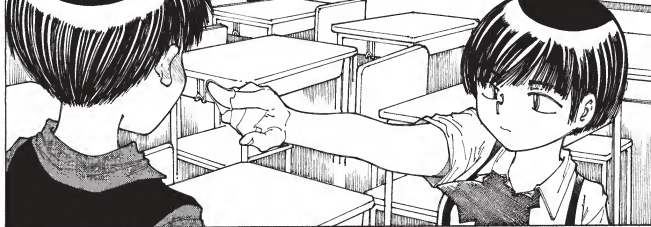
THEN
PLEASE...

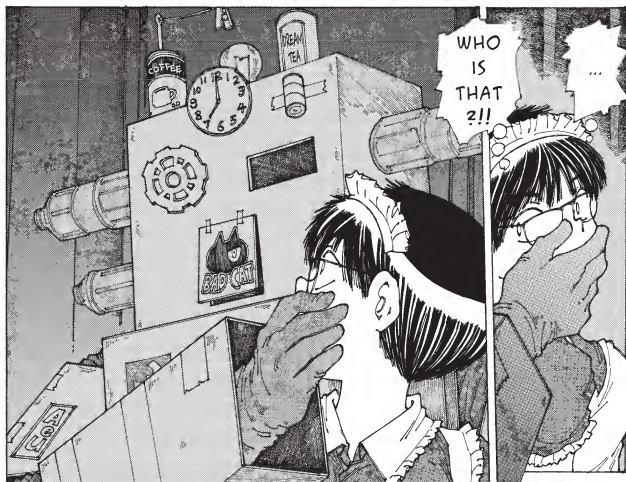
HAD A
CRUSH ON
ME BACK
THEN,

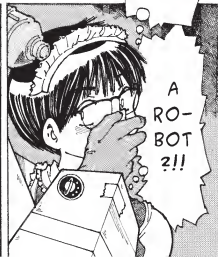
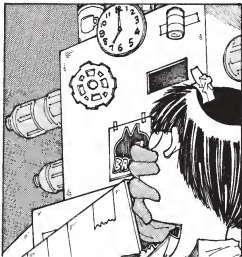
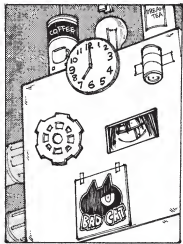
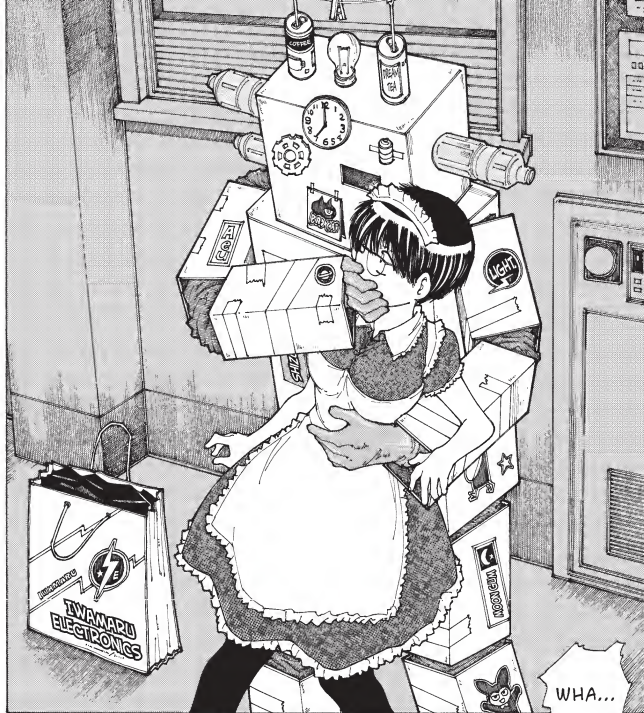
IF YOU
REALLY

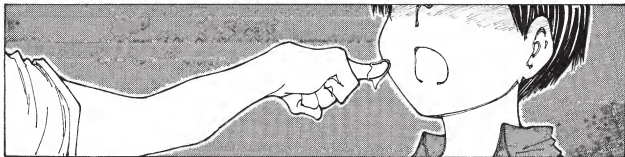
SO YOUR
FEELINGS
FOR ME
BACK THEN
WERE A
LIE?

Ax..









CAN'T...

I...

SORRY...



DON'T RUN
AWAY. FIND
OUT FOR
SURE!

ARE YOU
SCARED,
TSUBAKI
?



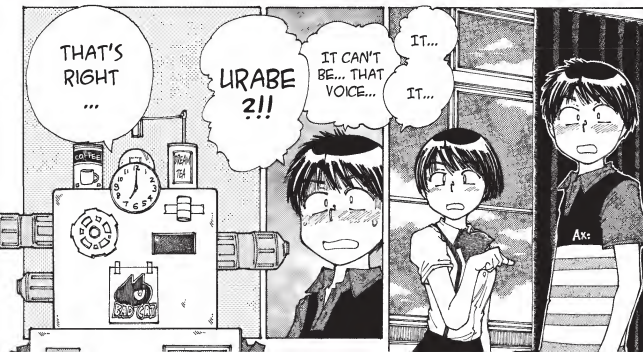
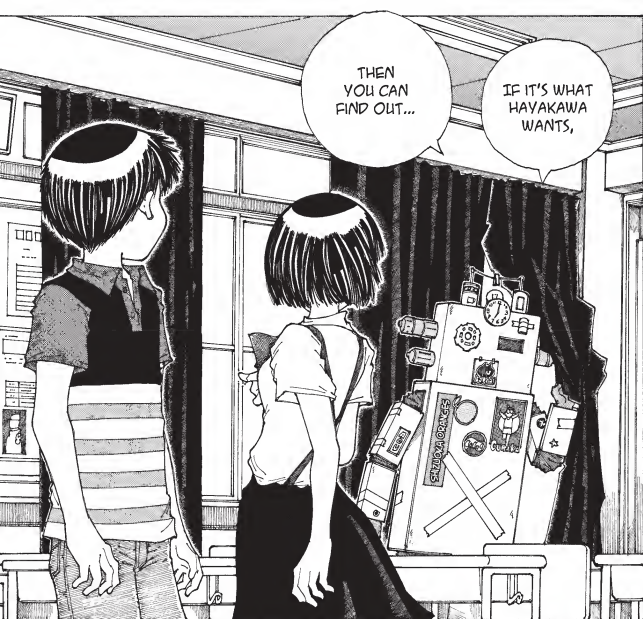
TSUBAKI,

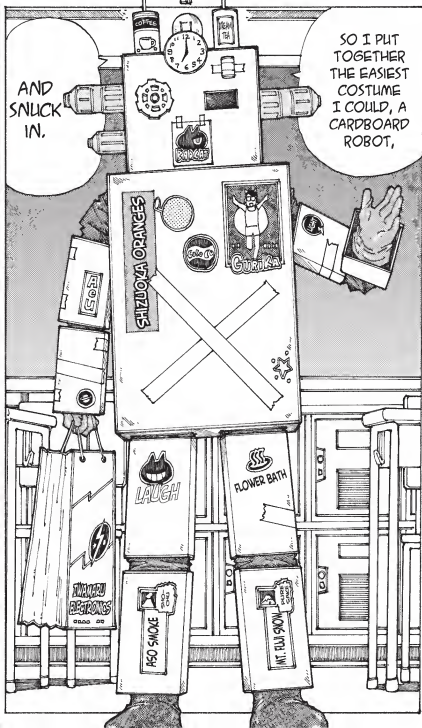
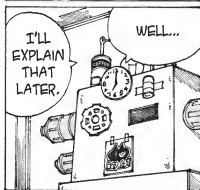
YOU
DON'T NEED
TO RUN
AWAY,

THAT'S
RIGHT...

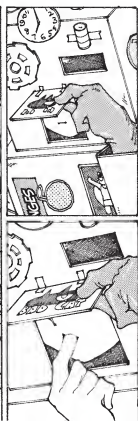
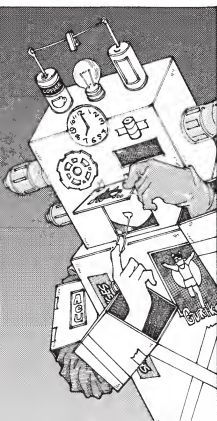
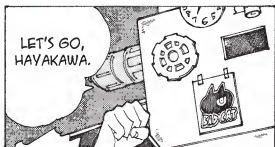
BUT...

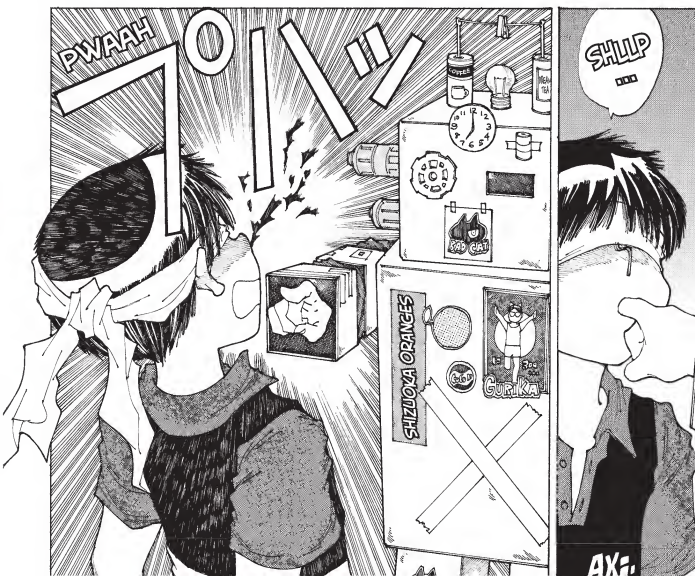
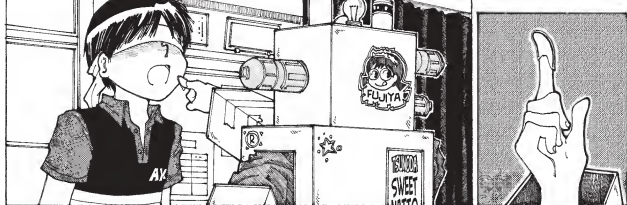
B...

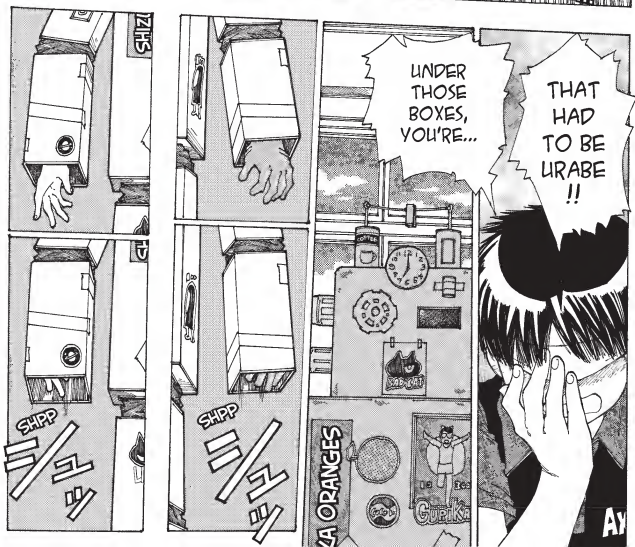
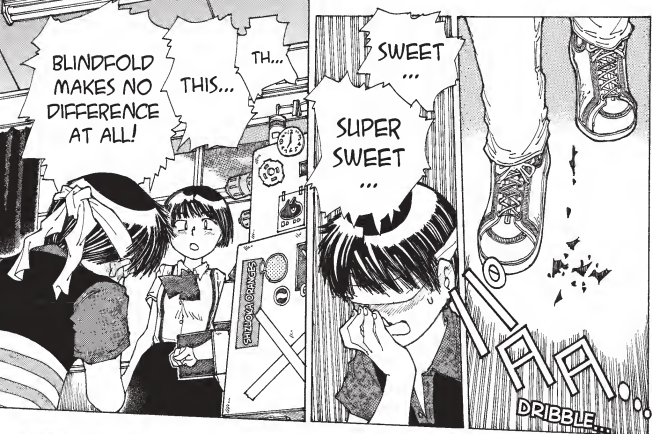


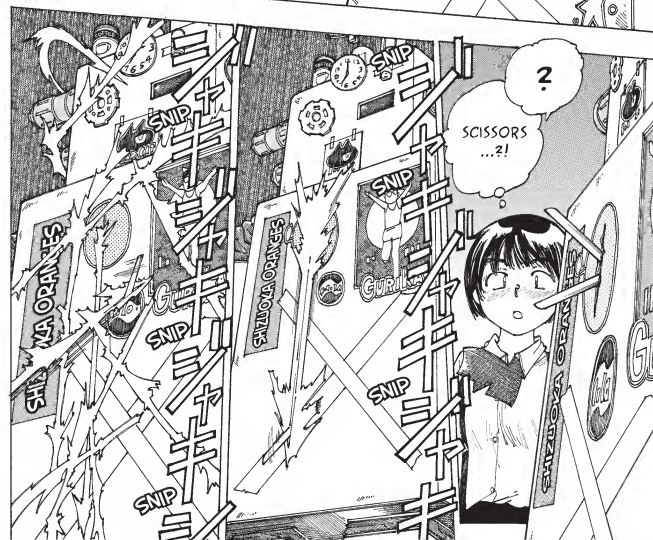


















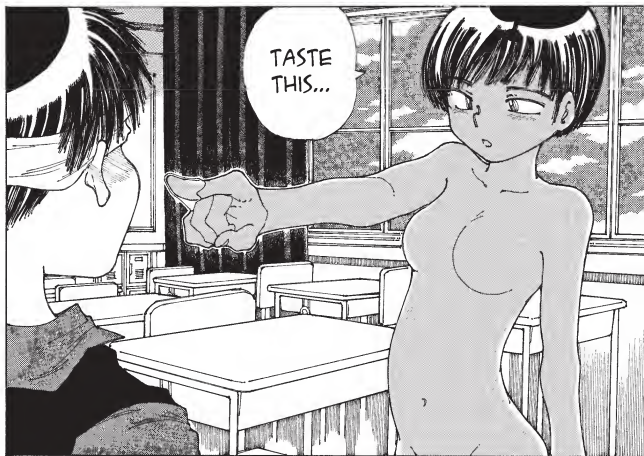
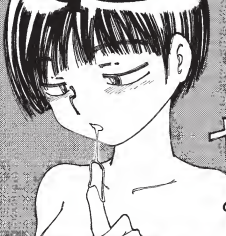


THIS IS SERIOUSLY
GETTING CRAZY...
ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THIS
BLINDFOLD...



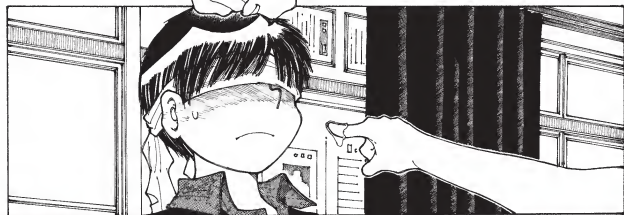
MY FORMER
CRUSH AND CURRENT
GIRLFRIEND ARE
STANDING THERE
NAKED?

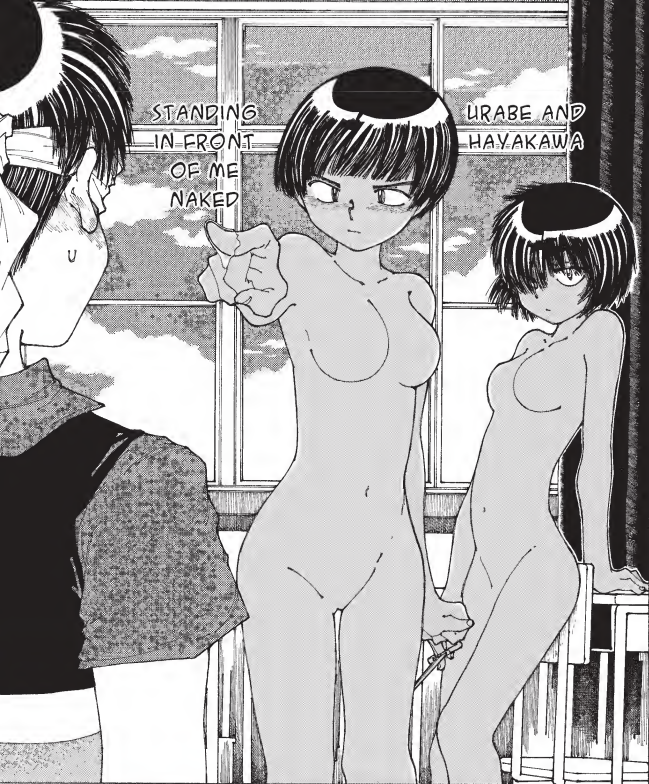






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(PART 3)





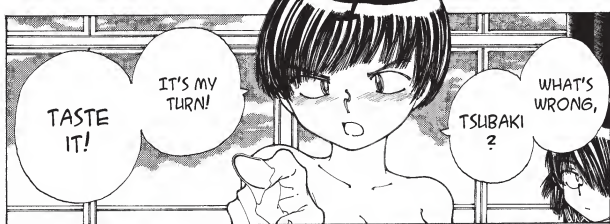
STANDING
IN FRONT
OF ME
NAKED

URABE AND
HAYAKAWA

TO MAKE
MY NOSE
BLEED...

IS
ALREADY
ENOUGH

URGH
...



IF MY OWN
GIRLFRIEND
SAYS SHE
DOESN'T
MIND...

...

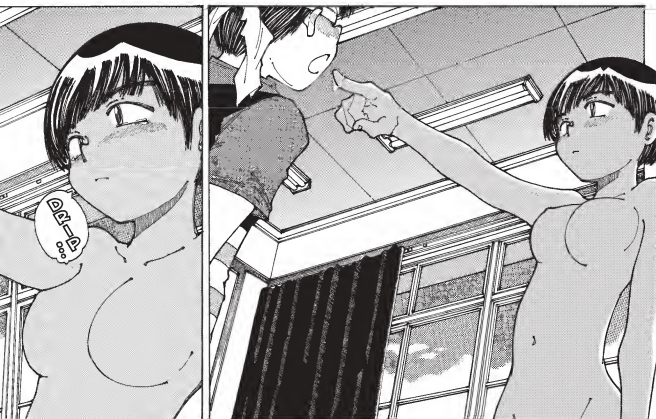


OKAY... O...

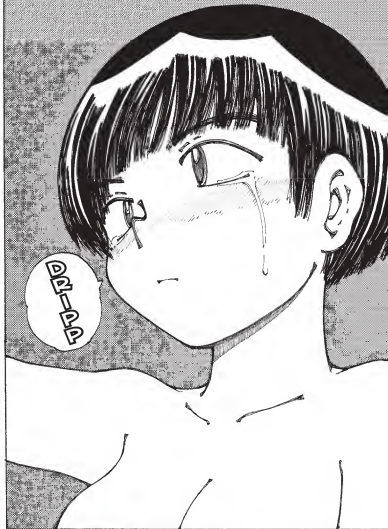
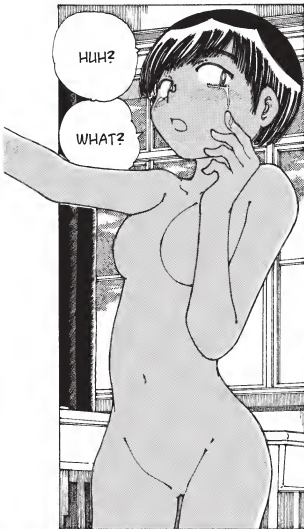


TASTING
ANOTHER
GIRL'S
DROOL...

MY
FIRST
TIME



DA-P...
...





YOU
SHOULD
KNOW BEST
OF ALL

HAYAKAWA
...



WHETHER
THERE IS

WITHOUT EVEN
HAVING HIM
TASTE YOUR
DROOL

A BOND
BETWEEN YOU
AND TSUBAKI,
RIGHT?



IS TSUBAKI
REALLY THE
ONE YOU
WANT

HAYA-
KAWA,

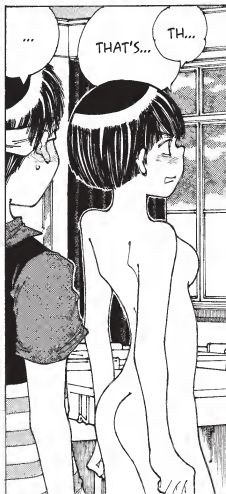
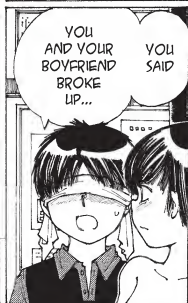
TO HAVE
TASTE YOUR
DROOL?



I SHOULD
KNOW...?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

WH...





IT WAS
UNREQUITED...

BUT



YOU
WERE
IN LOVE
WITH
ME IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL,
RIGHT?!

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING
...?

IN
THAT
CASE...



INSTEAD OF
BEING HERE
WITH ME,

YOU
SHOULD
TRY TO
GET HIM
BACK.

WHAT
?!!



WOULD
...

I'M
SURE
EVEN
YOUR
EX

IF YOU
TELL HIM
HOW YOU
REALLY
FEEL,

YOU'RE THE
PRETTY GIRL
I ADMIRER
ALL THROUGH
MIDDLE
SCHOOL!

B...

BUT...

BUT...

BUT...



YOU SHOULD
FORM A BOND
WITH THE ONE
YOU LOVE,

AND
ENJOY
THAT
MUTUAL
FEELING.



UNREQUITTED
LOVE,
MYSELF!

EVER
HAD

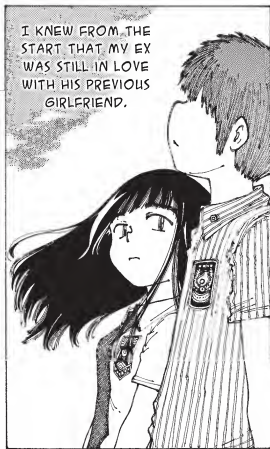
I'VE
ONLY



I WAS SO
HAPPY.

THAT'S
WHY, WHEN
YOU SAID

YOU WERE IN
LOVE WITH ME
ALL THROUGH
MIDDLE
SCHOOL,



I KNEW FROM THE
START THAT MY EX
WAS STILL IN LOVE
WITH HIS PREVIOUS
GIRLFRIEND.

BUT I
ALWAYS

HAD A
CRUSH ON
SOMEONE
ELSE...

I'VE
NEVER
HAD...

YOU SAY
THAT YOU HAD
A CRUSH ON
ME...

I...
HAD NO
IDEA...

I'VE
NEVER
HAD...

MY
FEELINGS
RETURNED
...

TSUBAKI
...

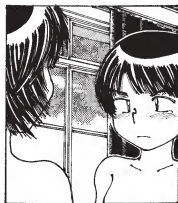
YOU
DON'T
CARE

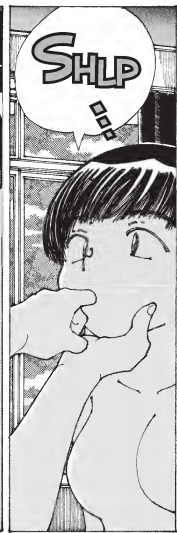
ABOUT ME
ANYMORE?

THAT'S...

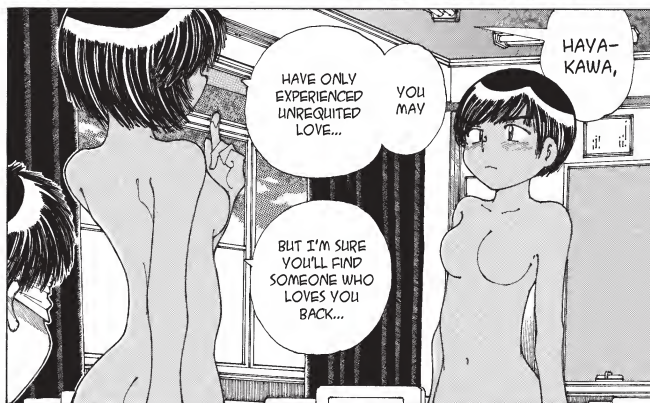
AX-

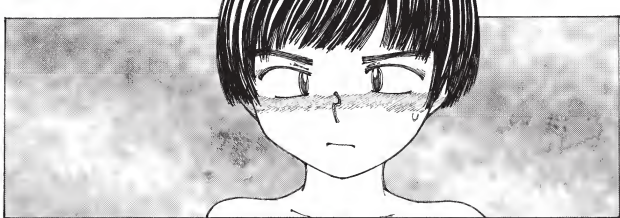












AND MY
CURRENT
GIRLFRIEND
GOT
TOGETHER...



I WONDERED
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN
WHEN MY
OLD CRUSH

REALLY THAT
SWEET?



BUT... IS
HAYAKAWA'S
DROOL

I'LL BE IN
TROUBLE...

BUT IF
URABE
FINDS
OUT I
THOUGHT
THAT,

NOW I
KIND OF
WISH I'D
TASTED
IT...

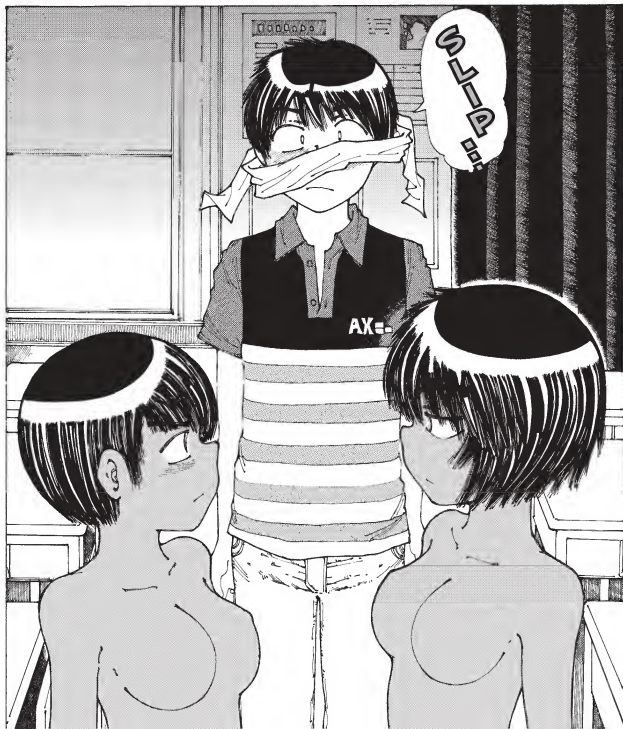


THEY WORKED
EVERYTHING
OUT...

IT
SOUNDS
LIKE

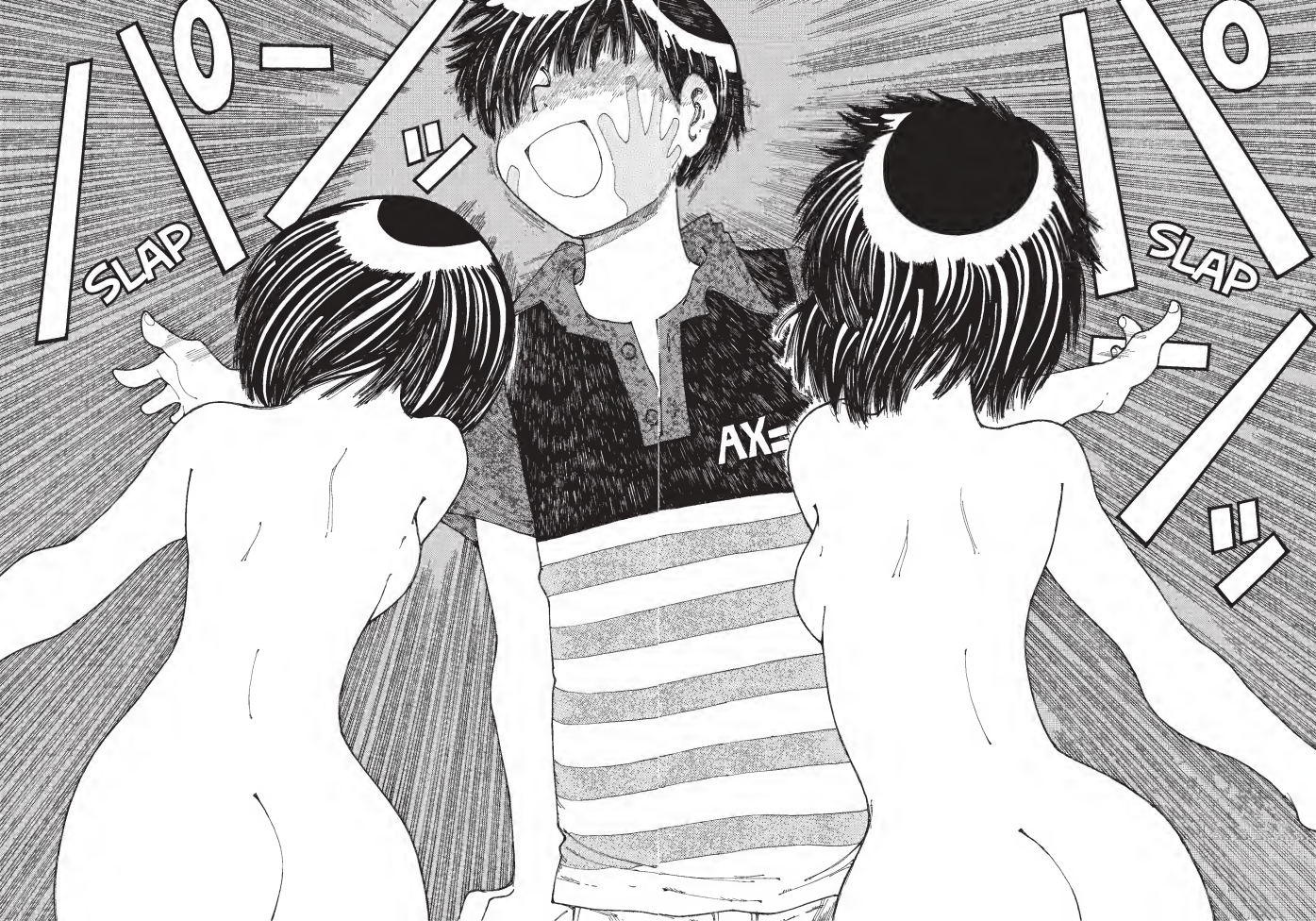
I
THINK
?















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MYSTERIOUS CULTURE FESTIVAL —
THE AFTERPARTY



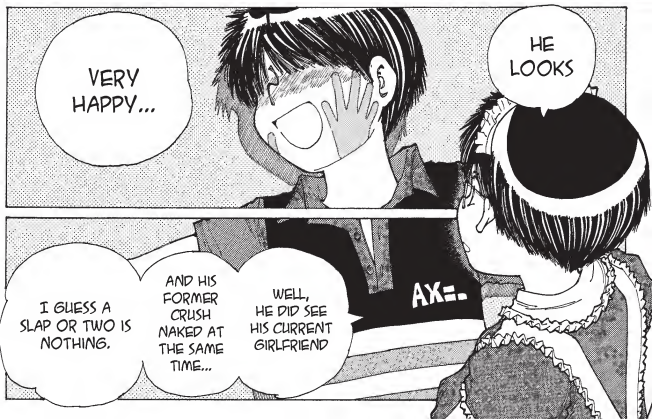
BUT...

YEAH,

HE'S OUT
COLD.

THAT
WAS ONE
STRONG...

NO, TWO
STRONG
SLAPS.



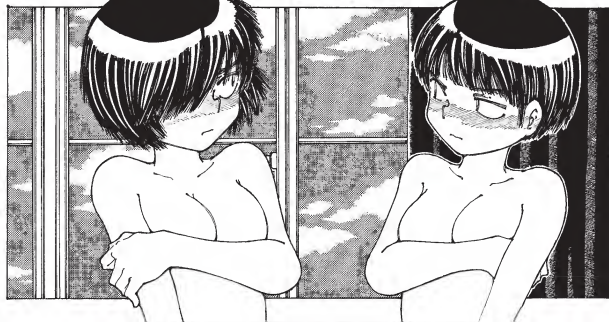
VERY
HAPPY...

HE
LOOKS

I GUESS A
SLAP OR TWO IS
NOTHING.

AND HIS
FORMER
CRUSH
NAKED AT THE SAME
TIME...

WELL,
HE DID SEE
HIS CURRENT
GIRLFRIEND





HEH
HEH
HEH...

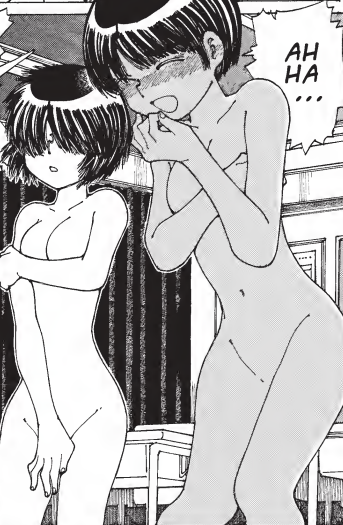
PFF...



AH HA
HA HA
HA...



AH
HA
HA
HA
HA
...



AH
HA
...



STANDING
HERE
NAKED...?

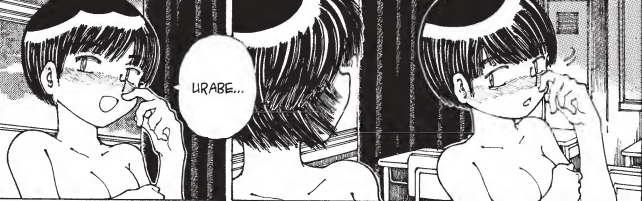
ARE WE
DOING

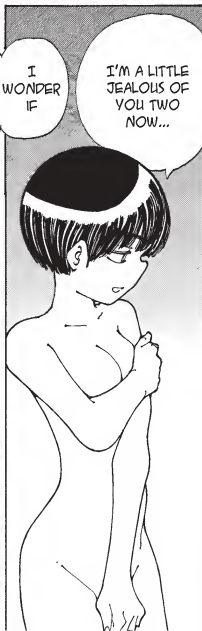
ON
EARTH...

YOU'RE
RIGHT...

WHAT

Y...





IS SO
SWEET...

BECAUSE
YOUR DROOL

WITH
SOMEONE
YOU REALLY
LOVE
SOMEDAY
...

I'M SURE
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
FORM
A BOND

WITH
DROOL THAT
SWEET,

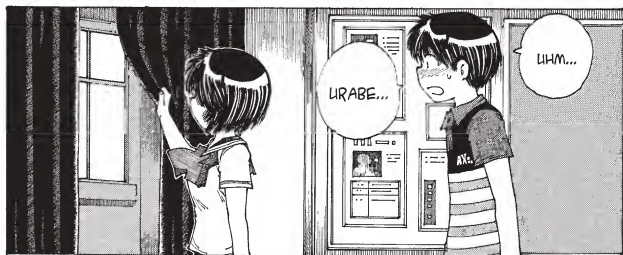
HMM?

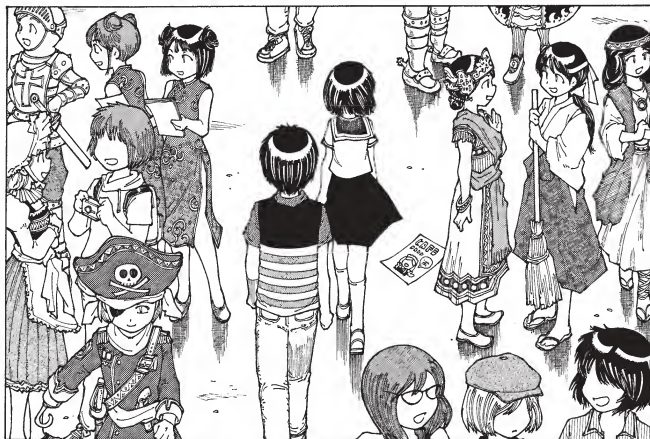
MM...

AX=

AX=







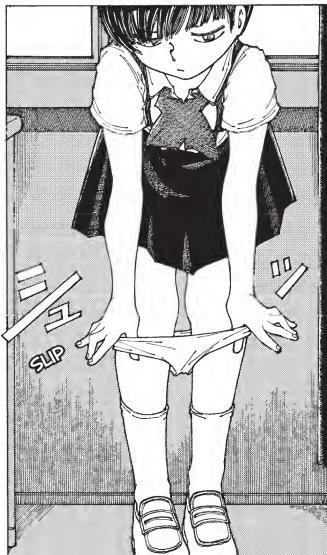


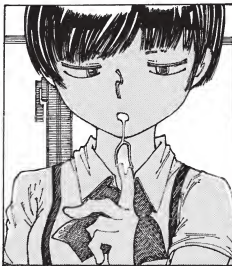
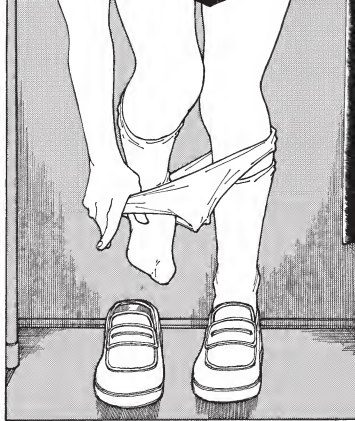
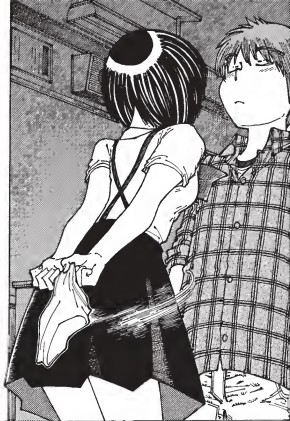
SEO...

OH...



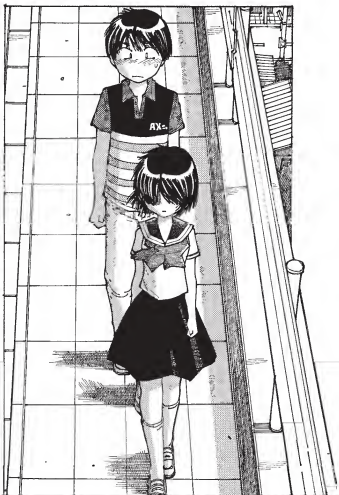
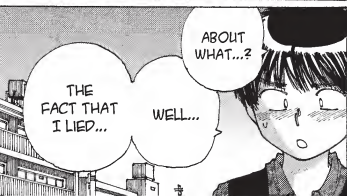
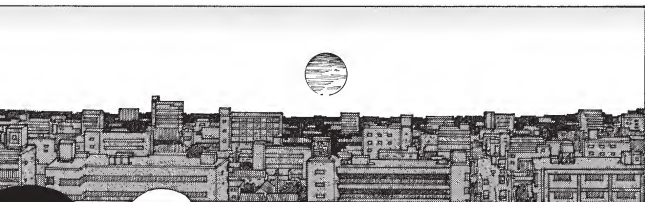
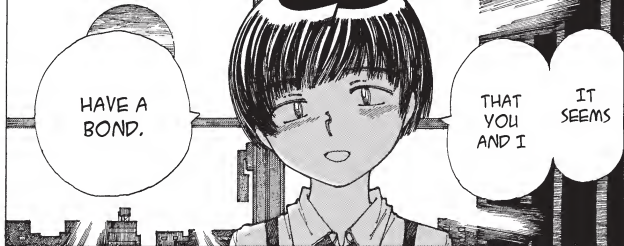




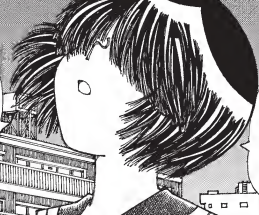












BEFORE I
TRANSFERRED
TO THIS HIGH
SCHOOL...

ACTUALLY,
THERE WAS
THIS BOY
I LIKED

I WAS ALWAYS
THINKING ABOUT
HIM.

I LIKED
HIM SO MUCH
THAT

WITHOUT
TELLING YOU
ABOUT IT,
TOO.

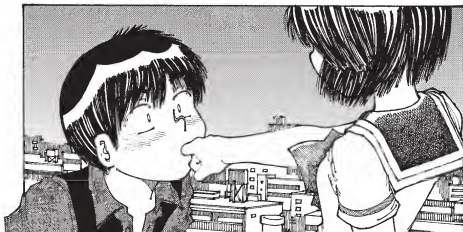
I MIGHT
GO SEE
HIM

SO IF
HE SAID

HE
WANTED
TO SEE
ME,











Mysterious
Culture Festival –
The Afterparty –
Postscript

OKA X UENO





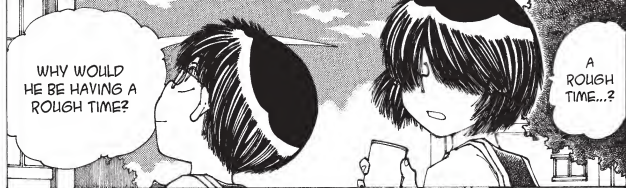


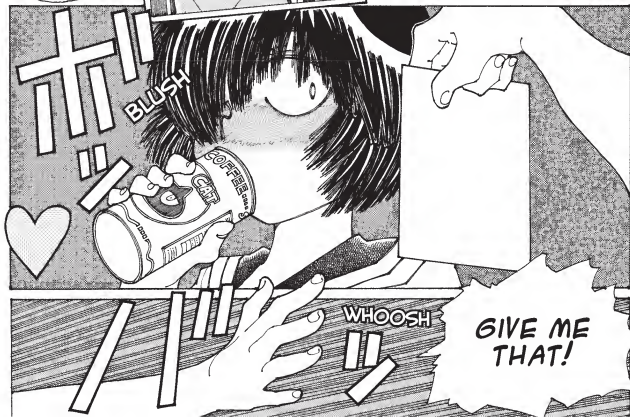
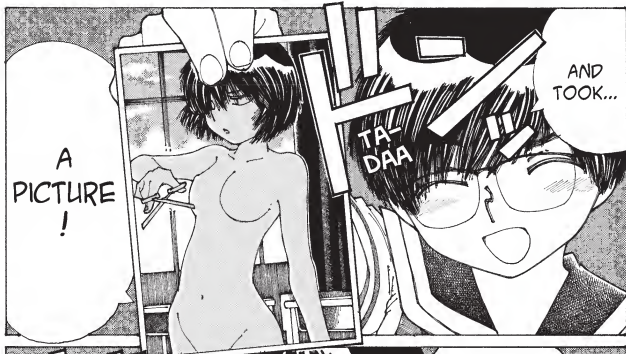
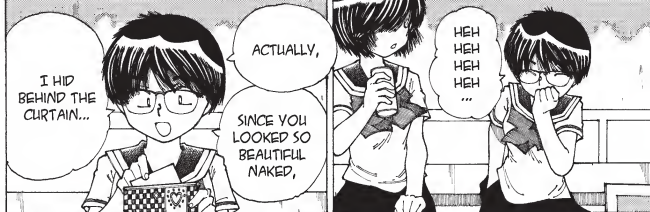
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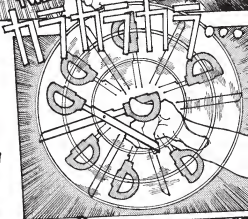














THAT
WAS SO
COOL!!



THAT
...



WOW!
♥

OF ALL
THE PLACES
TO KEEP
SCISSORS...

THAT'S
PRETTY
EROTIC,
URABE!

WAH
!!

HEY,

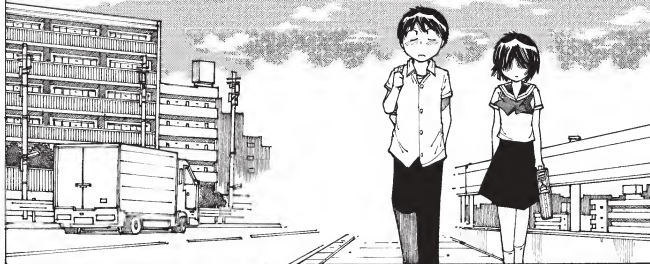
CUT IT
OUT!

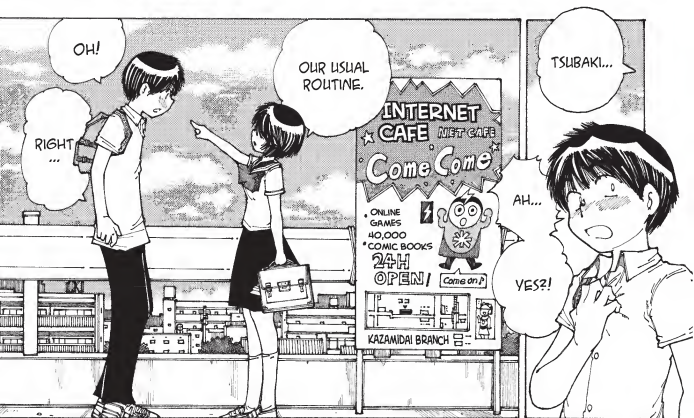
GAK!!

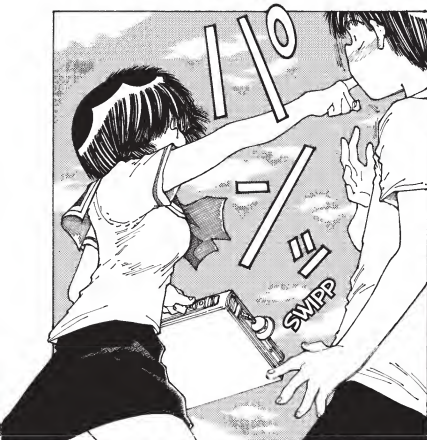
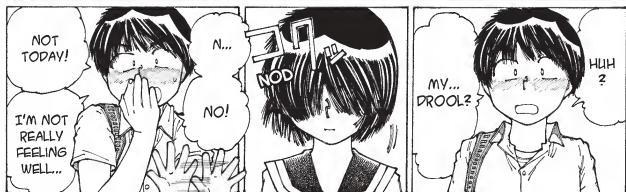
LEMMEE SEE!
LEMMEE SEE!

YOU KEEP
THOSE SCISSORS
TUCKED IN YOUR
PANTIES?!

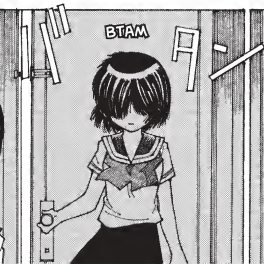
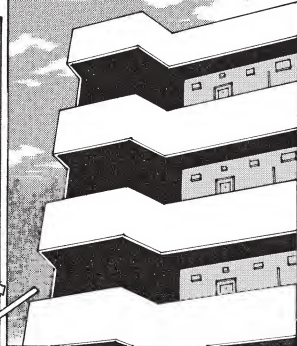
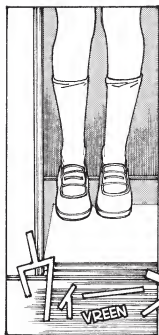
WHAP
WHAP











I BET THE IMAGE OF
YOU NAKED COMES TO
HIS MIND WHENEVER YOU'RE
TOGETHER, AND MAKES
THINGS ROUGH FOR HIM!



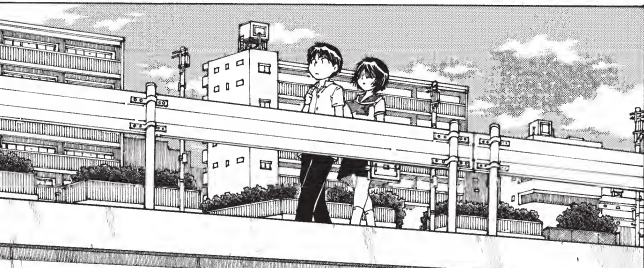
...
I STILL FEEL
HOT...

MY HEART IS
POUNDING...



A PERVERT...

HE
REALLY
IS



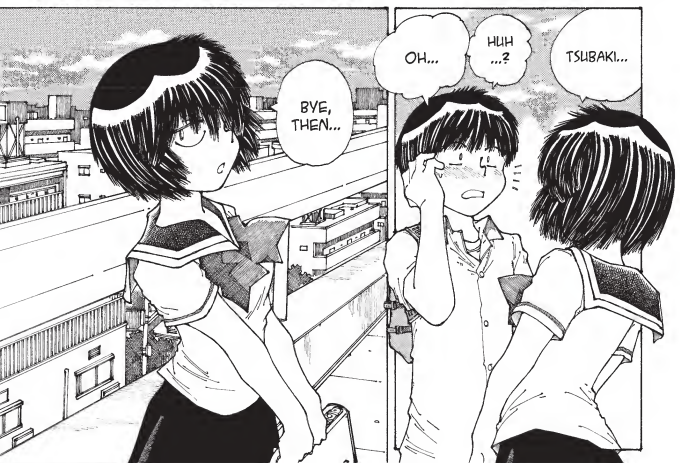


NAKED IN
FRONT
OF ME...

URABE IS
ACTUALLY

IT
ALMOST
LOOKS
LIKE

I FEEL
DIZZY...





SNAP

I
CAN'T
TAKE
IT
ANY-
MORE!

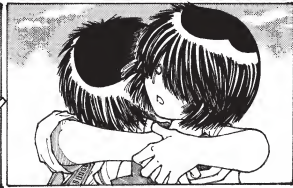
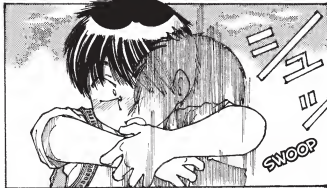
SEE YOU
TOMORROW.

GUP

GRAB

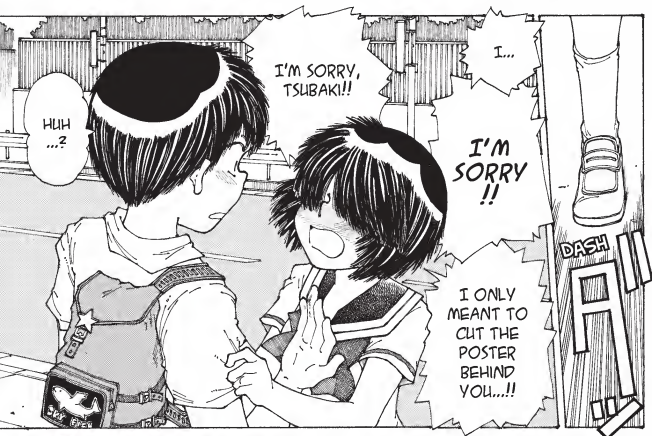
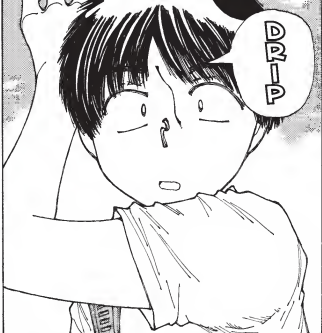
URA

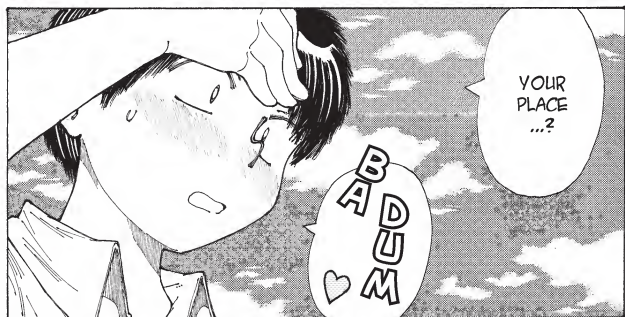
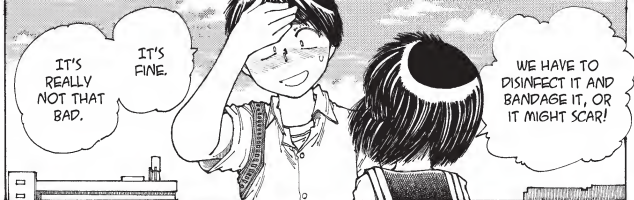
BE!





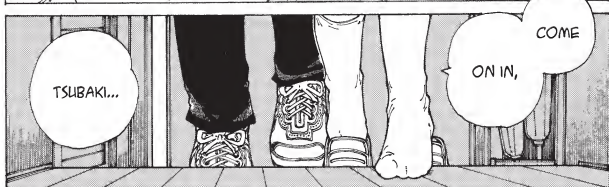
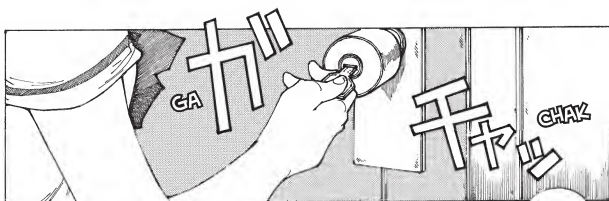
DON'T EVER
HUG ME
WITHOUT...

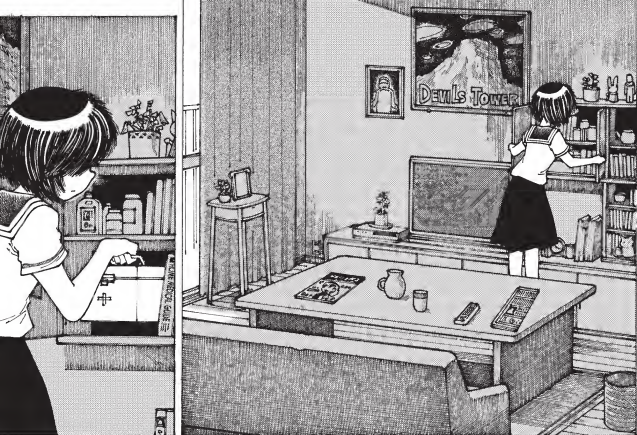


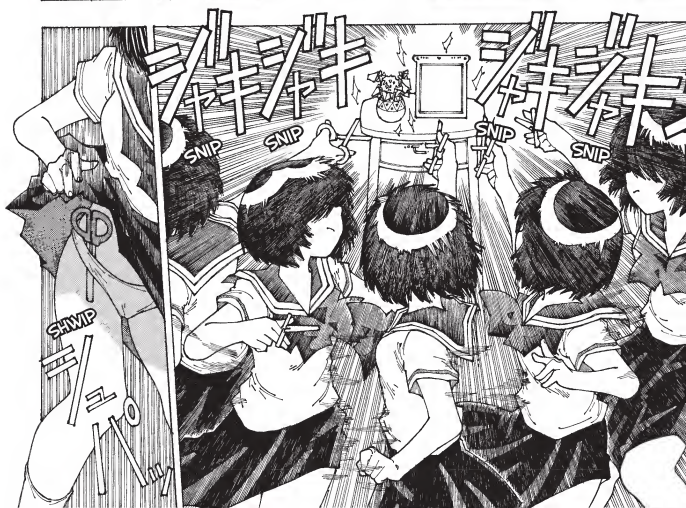
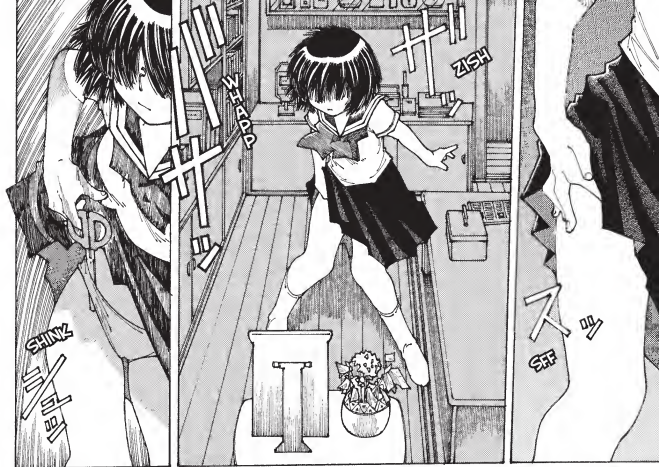


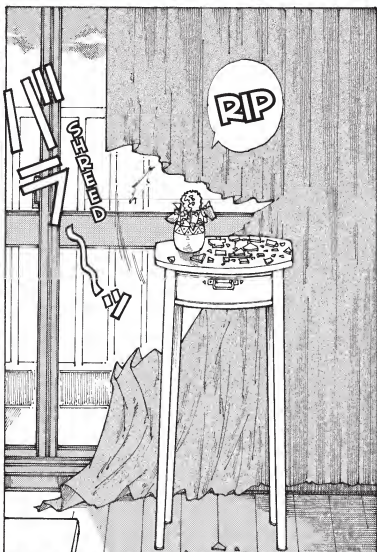
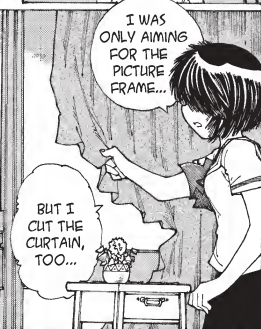
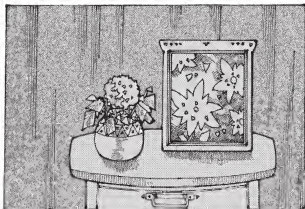
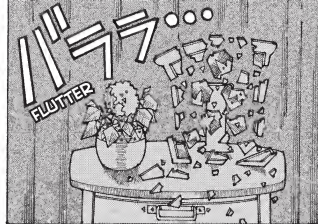


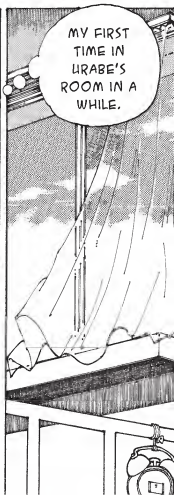
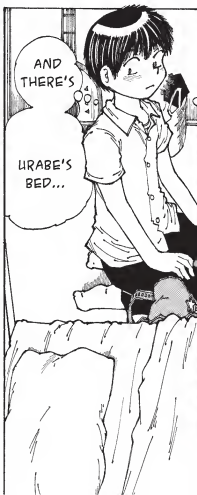
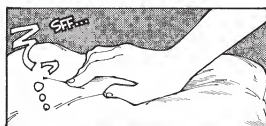
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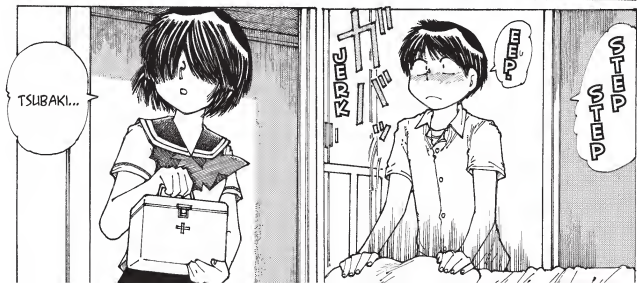
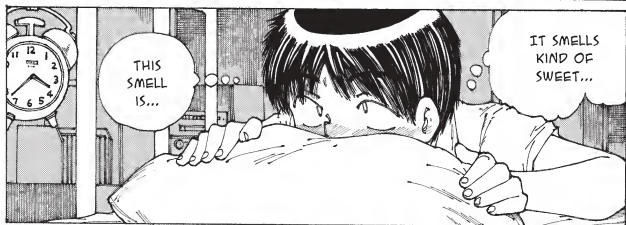
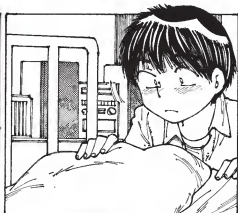
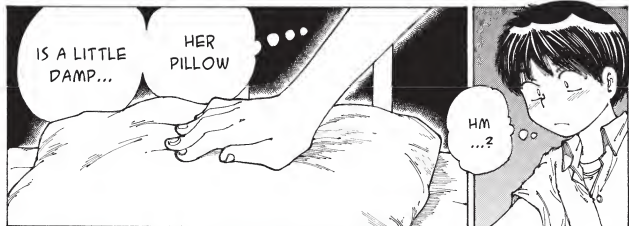


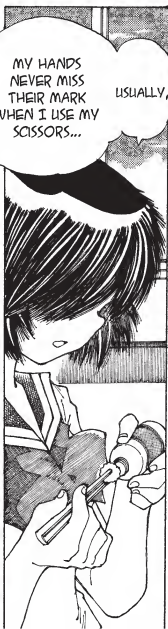














IT'S
JUST A
SCRATCH...

IT...

IT'S
FINE.



I REALLY

AM
SORRY...

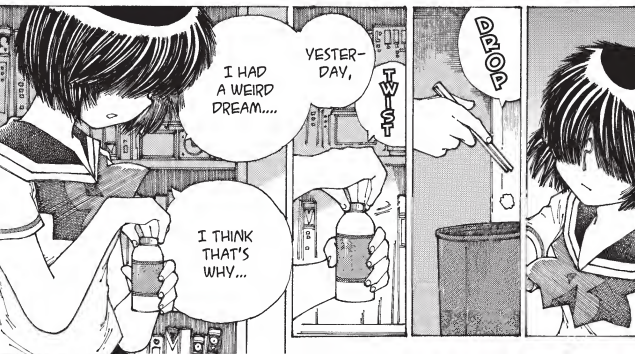


I WONDER
WHY THAT
HAPPENED.

YOUR
SCISSORS
ARE YOUR
SIGNATURE
TECHNIQUE.

FOR
YOU TO
MISS YOUR
MARK...

BUT
YOU'RE
RIGHT, IT'S
UNUSUAL



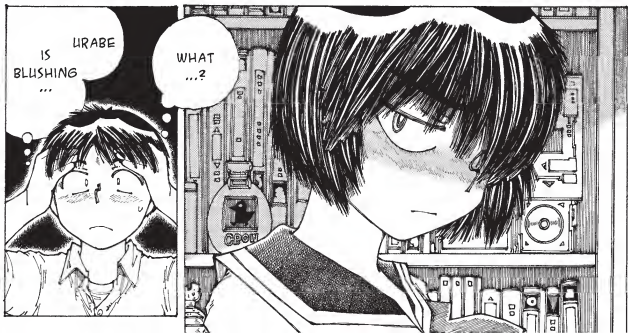
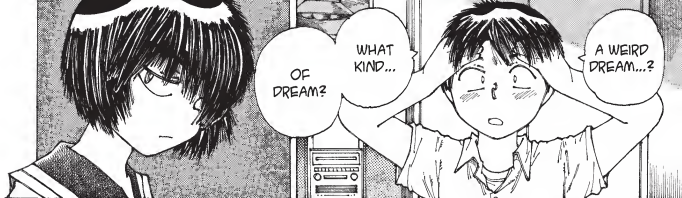
I HAD
A WEIRD
DREAM....

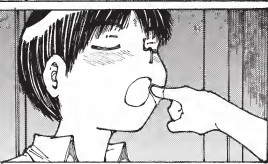
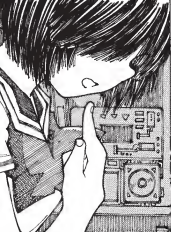
YESTER-
DAY,

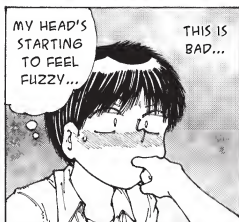
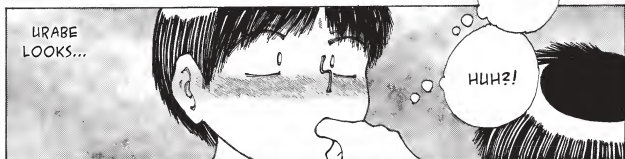
TWIST

I THINK
THAT'S
WHY...

POPO











I'M
GONNA
LAND ON
URABE...

WITHOUT
PERMIS-
SION...

DON'T
EVER
HUG
ME



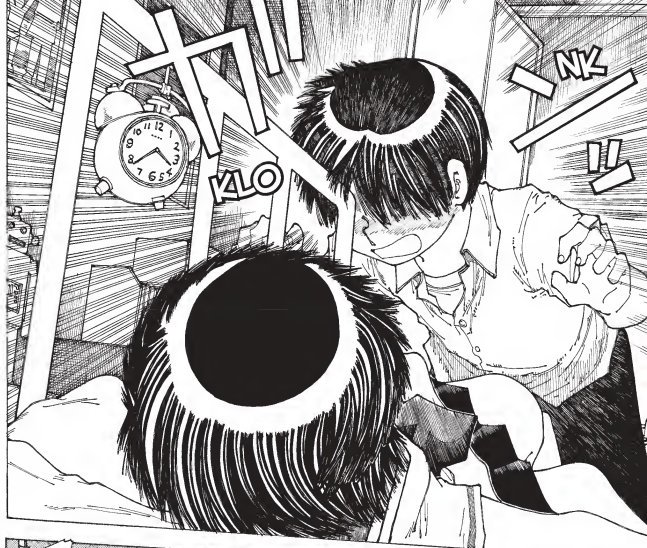
TION...

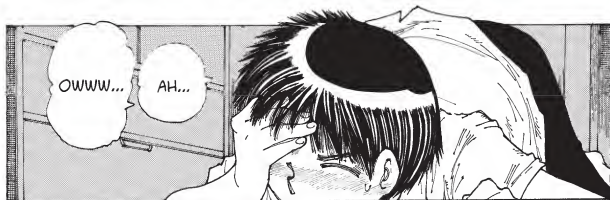
A CHANGE
DIREC—

I
HAVE
TO...

TWIST







OWWW...

AH...



YOU'RE
BRUISED...



ON THE
BEDPOST...

HARD ...

YOU
HIT YOUR
HEAD

ARE YOU
OKAY?

ARE ...



CHANGE
DIRECTION
?

WHY DID YOU
TRY TO CHANGE
DIRECTION?



HUH...?

BECAUSE
...



SO I TRIED
TO CHANGE
DIRECTION,

AND HIT THE
BEDPOST...

WELL...

I WAS ABOUT
TO FALL ON
THE BED...

I WOULD'VE
ENDED UP
WITH MY ARMS
AROUND YOU...

IF I'D
FALLEN ONTO
THE BED...

SO...

...

TSUBAKI...

HUH...?

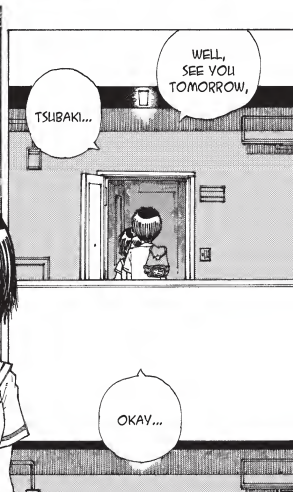
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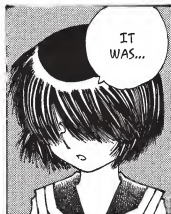
IT'S
OKAY

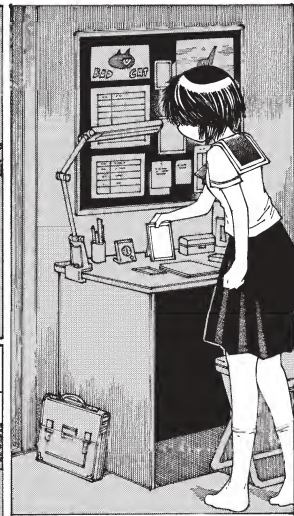
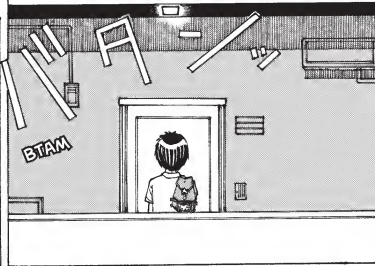
WHEN
YOU MIGHT
GET HURT
OTHERWISE...

TO PUT
YOUR ARMS
AROUND
ME...

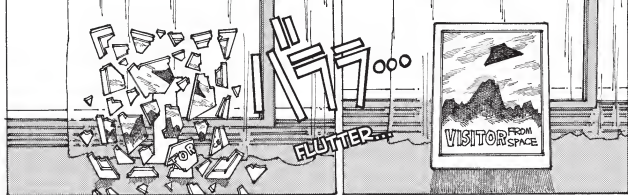
HUG

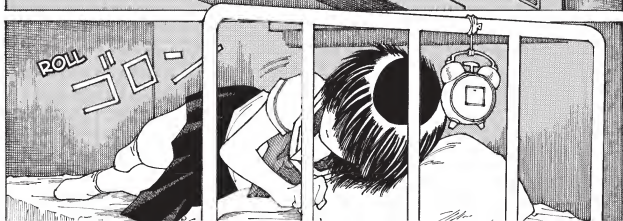
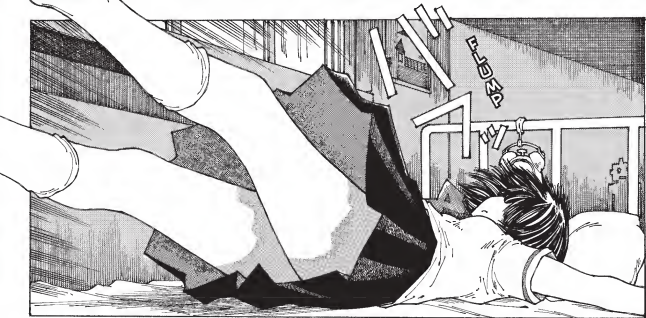














"X" VOLUME 3 IS NOW ON SALE!!

SO, LOOKING OVER VOLUME 3, THE PART
THAT STANDS OUT TO ME IS OKA'S

IT'S ALL
THANKS
TO THE
READERS ♡

SEXUAL
HARASSMENT
(?) SCENE.



LATELY, FROM THE LOOKS
SHE GIVES URABE, IT SEEMS
LIKE OKA IS TURNING INTO
A "DIRTY OLD MAN"
CHARACTER... SO ON THAT
NOTE, HERE'S A BONUS COMIC

**EXCLUSIVE TO
THIS VOLUME**

ILLUSTRATING A DAY IN THE
LIFE OF OKA AND URABE,
CHAPTER 36.5!



 **STARTING ON
THE NEXT PAGE** 

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X



They're good friends now. But nothing should ever be taken too far!!







REALLY?

DID I
UPSET
YOU?



IT'S
LIKE

YOU'LL
USE ANY
EXCUSE TO
TOUCH
ME...

YES.



HUH?

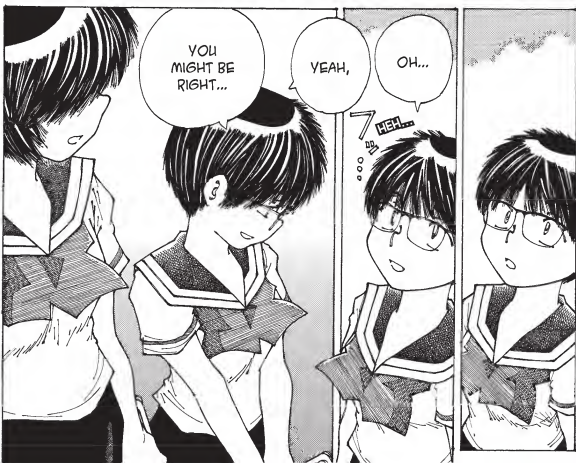
I
HAVE
?



BUT,
WELL...

THE WAY
YOU TOUCH ME
REMINDS ME OF A
DIRTY OLD MAN...

IT'S NOT
ENOUGH TO
UPSET ME...



YOU
MIGHT BE
RIGHT...

YEAH,

OH...

HEH...

IT WAS THE SCENE IN VOLUME 1 WHERE TSUBAKI GOT HIS FIRST REAL LOOK AT URABE'S FACE. ANYWAY, RECENTLY I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT "EXPERIENCES" AS I WROTE MY ESSAY FOR VOLUME 1. I DIDN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL. IF I HAD A GIRLFRIEND THEN, THE REALITY OF AN EXPERIENCE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE INFLUENCED ME. (CONTINUED...)



AND I PROBABLY NEVER WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH AN IDEA AS ECCENTRIC AS "A BOY MEETS A GIRL THAT STARTS WITH THE LICKING OF DROOL." THOUGH I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHETHER TO HAVE BEEN HAPPIER IF I'D HAD A GIRL FRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL, OR IF I HADN'T HAD A GIRL FRIEND BUT WENT ON TO BECOME A MANGA ARTIST AND COME UP WITH IDEAS THAT INTEREST ME SO DEEPLY...



AND MAYBE
STARTED ACTING
A LITTLE TOO
FAMILIAR...

I GUESS, AFTER
KNOWING YOU
FOR A WHILE,

I STARTED TO
THINK OF YOU
AS MY BEST
FRIEND,



I'D BEEN
THINKING
LATELY...

JUST
SOMETHING

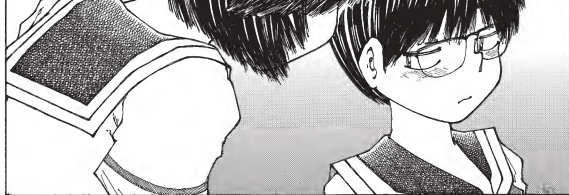
I'LL
BE MORE
CAREFUL

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

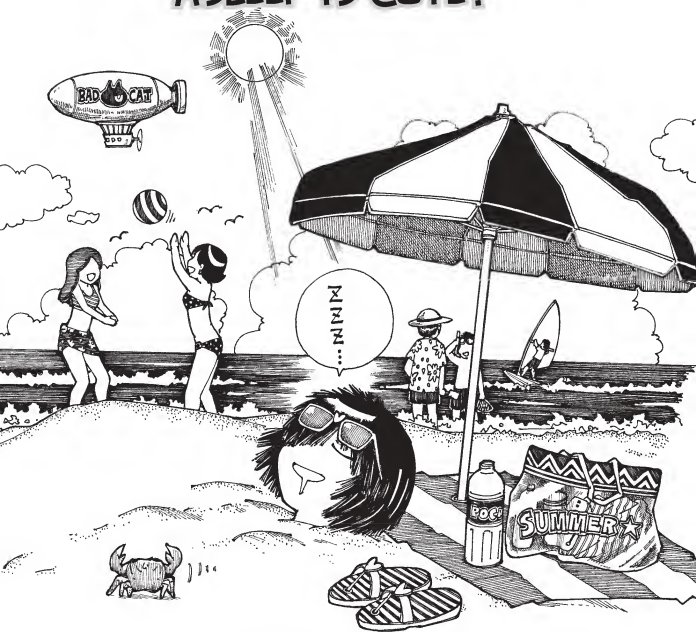
AH...

IT'S
NOTHING TO
APOLOGIZE
ABOUT...

Not so much a "dirty old man" as a "weird geezer" transformation?!

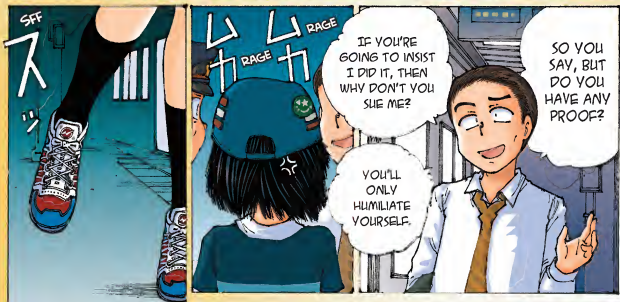
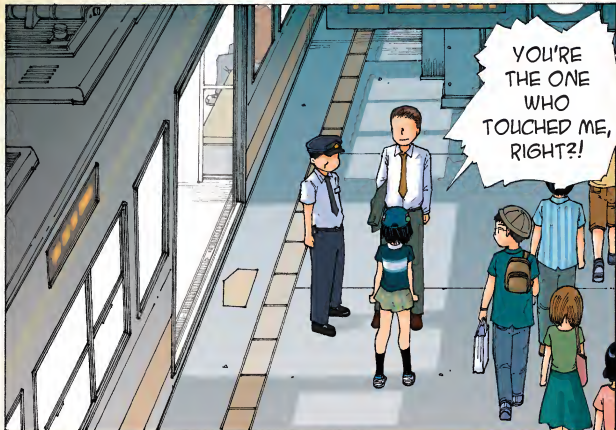


**DON'T YOU THINK A GIRL WHO
DROOLS WHEN SHE FALLS
ASLEEP IS CUTE?**

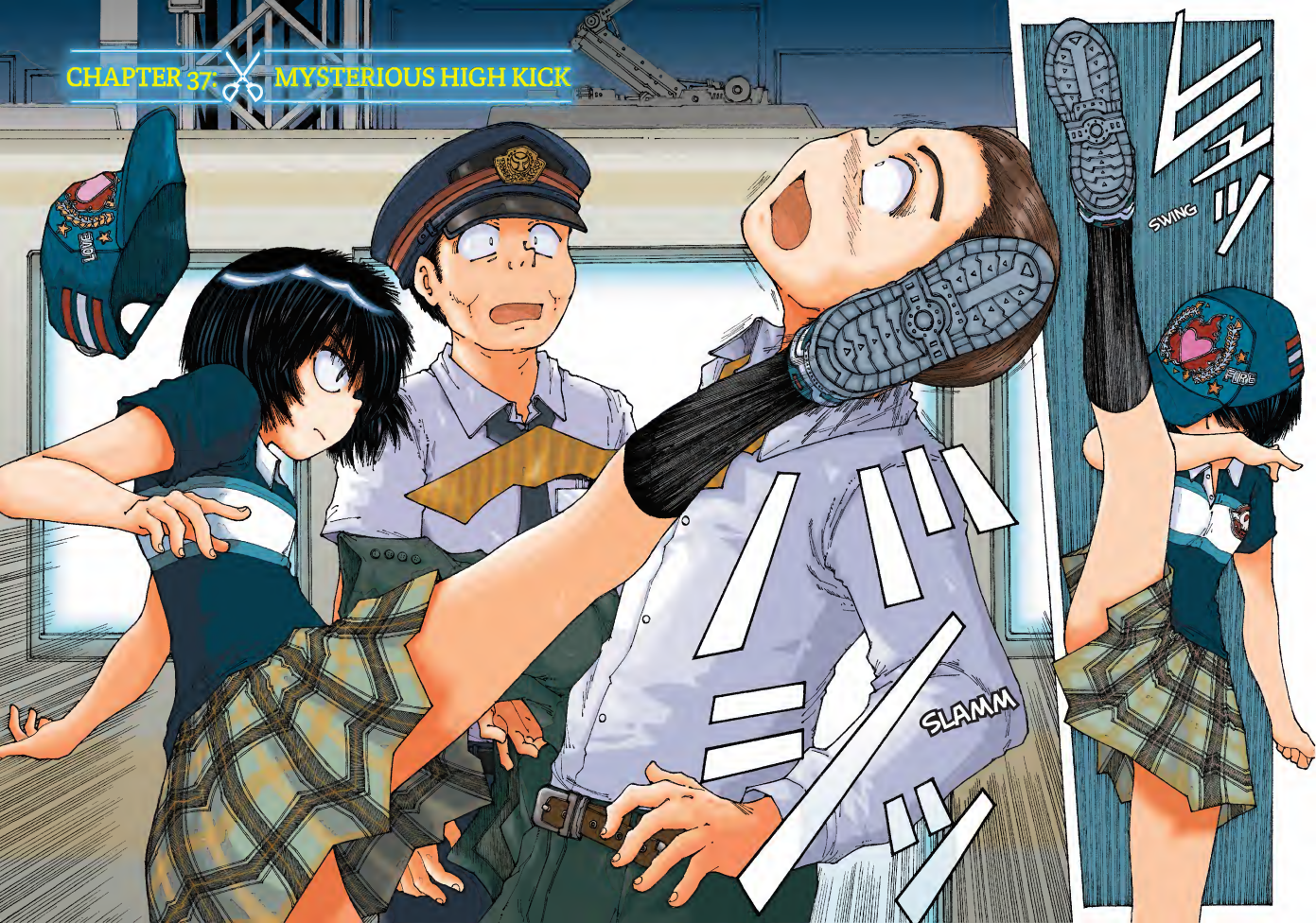


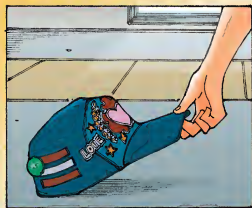
**WELL, THIS IS A COMIC
ABOUT THAT SORT OF GIRL.**





CHAPTER 37 ✂ MYSTERIOUS HIGH KICK





VERTICAL COMICS

MYSTERIOUS GIRLFRIEND X



RIICHI UESHIBA

CHARACTERS



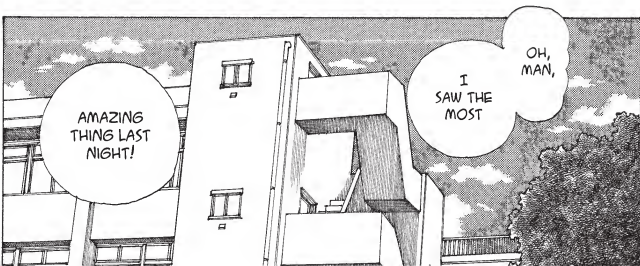
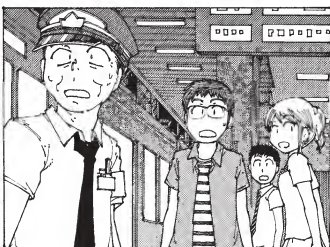
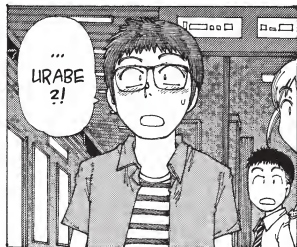
Mikoto Urabe (17)

A transfer student who joined Tsubaki's class. She can convey her own feelings through her drool, as well as pick up on Tsubaki's feelings through his. She's anti-social and everything she says and does is mysterious, but her ideas about love are very pure. Her hobby is using scissors, which she can use to cut up anything.



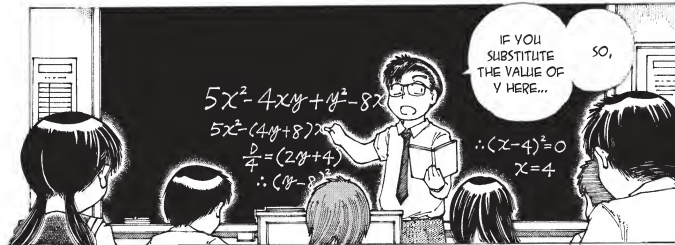
Akira Tsubaki (17)

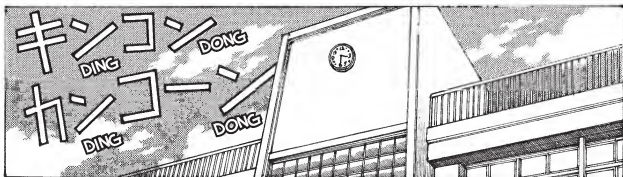
The protagonist of the story. His bizarre relationship with Urabe began after he licked her drool one day. He is as interested in girls as any boy his age, but Urabe takes the lead in their relationship and Tsubaki can't seem to initiate any progress between them.

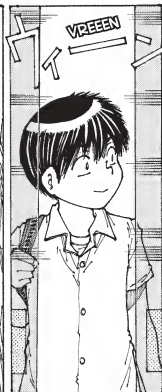
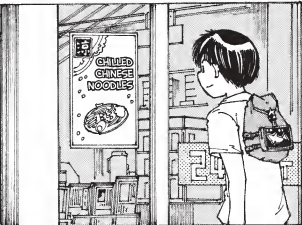
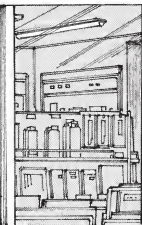


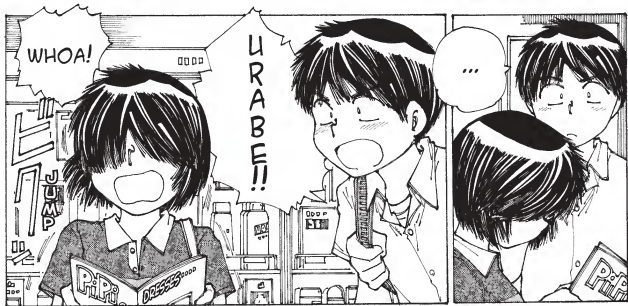
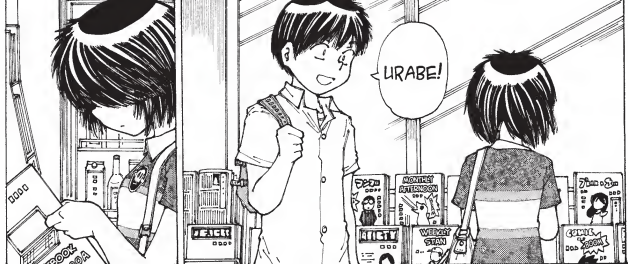




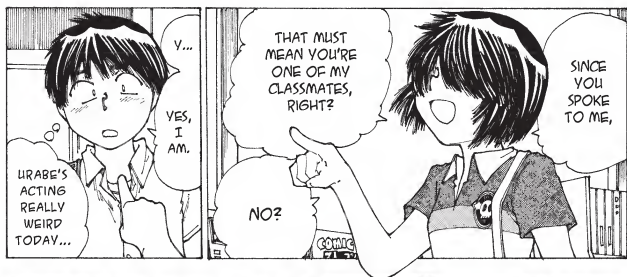






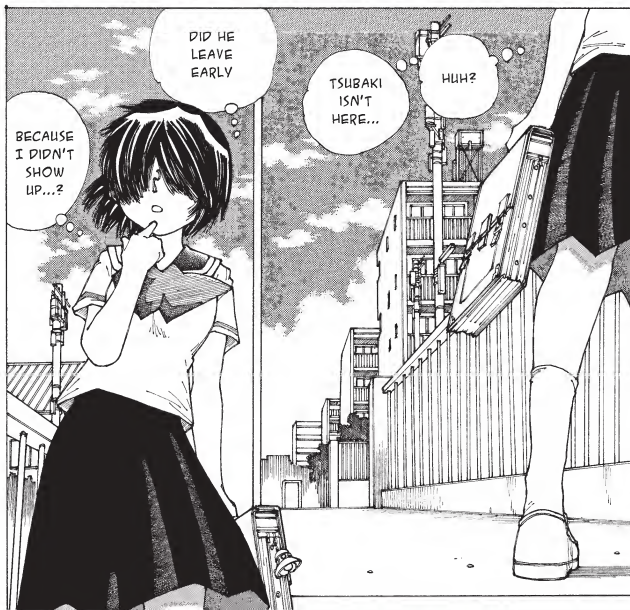








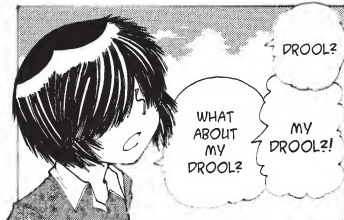
I'M
RUNNING
A LITTLE
LATE...

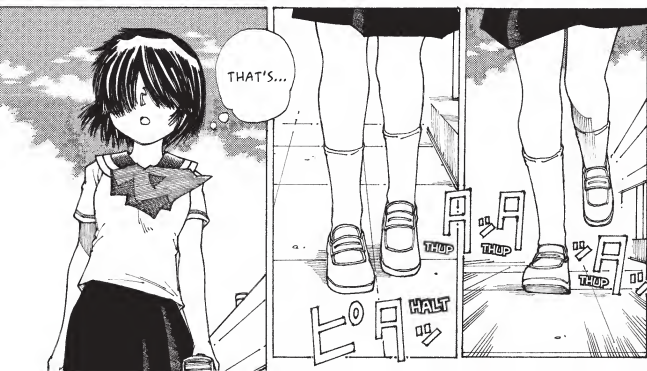
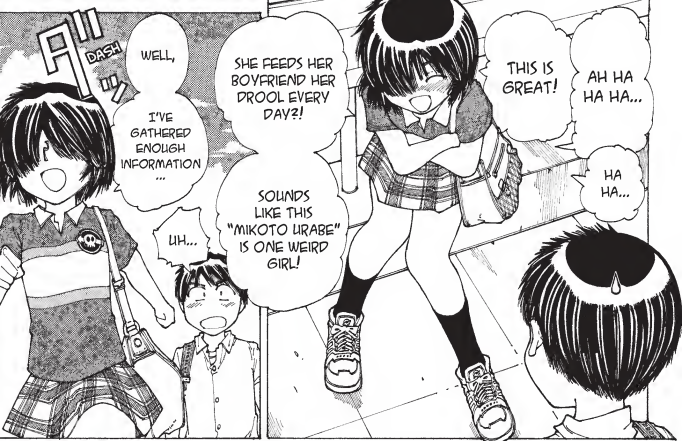
















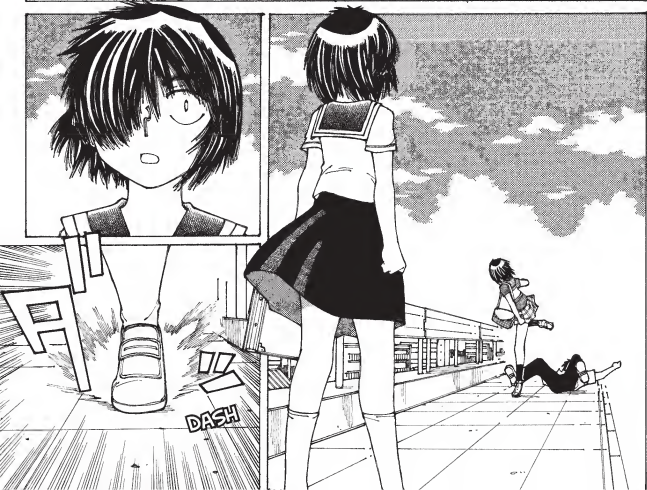


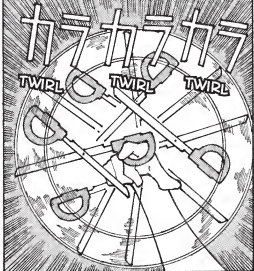
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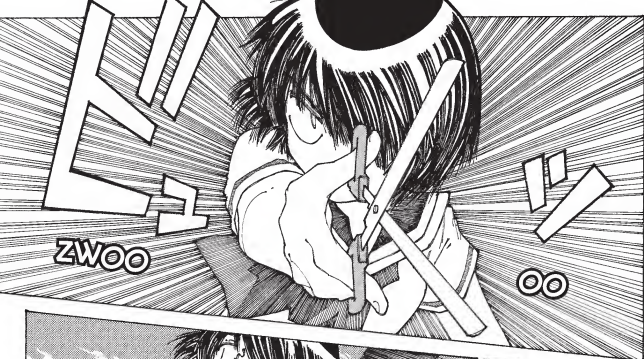
ZWOOMM

BASH

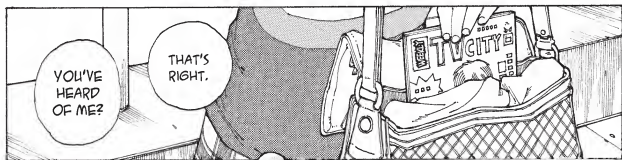
HUIH?!













CHAPTER 33: ✂ MYSTERIOUS PLAN

I'M
WHAT THEY
CALL

AN
IDOL!
♥

MOMOKA
IMAI.





I
HAVE BEEN
GETTING

I
MEAN,

WELL?

YOU LOOK
SURPRISED.

PRETTY
FAMOUS
LATELY,
AFTER
ALL...

ARE
YOU STAR-
STRUCK?



HAS BEEN
TALKING TO ME
ALL THIS TIME,
THINKING
I WAS YOU!

YOUR
BOY-
FRIEND

BUT
ANY-
WAY,

REALLY
DOES
MAKE ME
LOOK LIKE
YOU!

IT SEEMS
DYING MY
HAIR BLACK

AH...

DON'T
TELL
ME...











THAT YOUR
BOYFRIEND
THOUGHT I
WAS YOU

IF WE
LOOK SO
ALIKE,

JUST
BECAUSE
I DYED
MY HAIR
BLACK...



YOU
WILL

BECOME
AN IDOL.



YOU'LL
LOOK
JUST LIKE
MOMOKA
IMAI...

RIGHT?

THAT
ALSO
MEANS

THAT IF
YOU DYE
YOUR HAIR
BROWN,



YOU CAN
BE AN IDOL,
AND I CAN BE
A NORMAL GIRL!

WE'LL EACH GET
TO ENJOY LIVING
BOTH LIVES!

HOW
ABOUT
IT?

DOESN'T
THAT SOUND
AWESOME?

YOU CAN BE
MOMOKA IMAI,
AND I CAN BE
MIKOTO URABE!

IN
OTHER
WORDS,

IF WE WORK
TOGETHER AND
SWITCH PLACES
ON OCCASION...



THAT'S WHY
YOU CAME TO
SEE ME?

TH...



THAT'S WHY
I CAME TO
SEE YOU!

I WANT YOU
TO BE MY
PARTNER IN
THIS PLAN!



YOU'RE
INTERESTED,
AREN'T
YOU?!

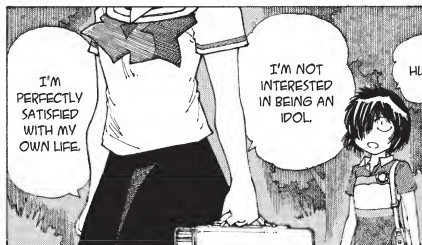
YES!

WELL?

MY
PLAN?

ARE
YOU UP
FOR

NOT
EVERYONE GETS
TO EXPERIENCE
THE LIFE OF A
POPULAR IDOL!



I'M
PERFECTLY
SATISFIED
WITH MY
OWN LIFE.

I'M NOT
INTERESTED
IN BEING AN
IDOL.

HUH?

RIDICULOUS...



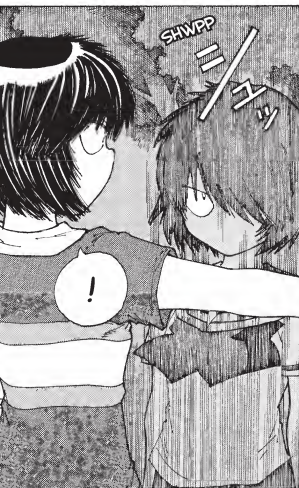
YOUR
PLAN.

I HAVE
ABSOLUTELY
NO INTEREST
IN

BYE.

HEY...



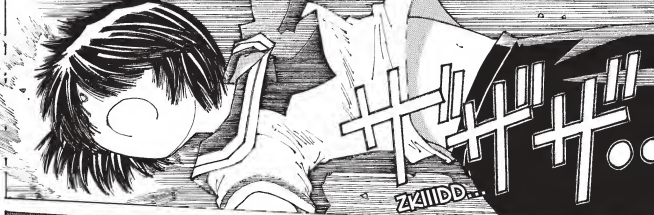


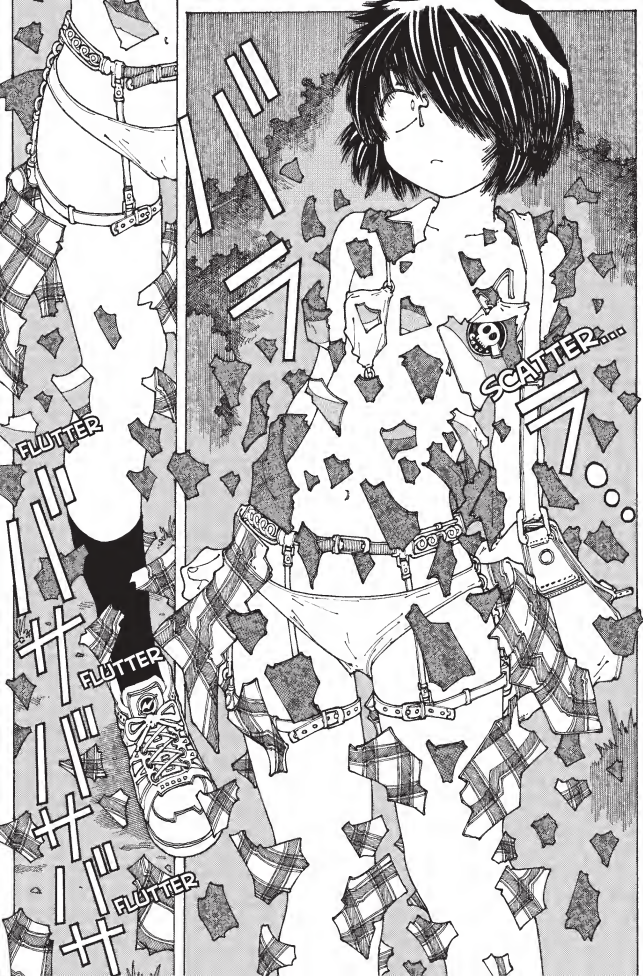


THE HELL
ARE YOU
DOING?!!

WHOOA!!!









HUH...?

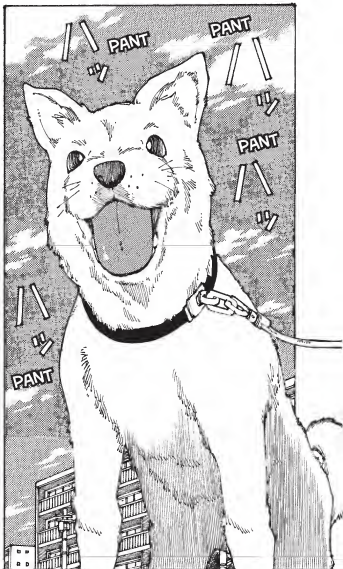
WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THIS?!!

WHAA
AAAAT
?!!!

my...

MY
CLOTHES

ARE
SHREDDED...





WAKE
UP!

COME
ON!

HEY!

COME
ON,
WAKE
UP!!

AND WHAT
IF SOMEONE
COMES THIS
WAY!

I
CAN'T GO
ANYWHERE
LIKE THIS!

HEY!

!
"SQUISH"
?

GET

...
BOO-BOO
BOO-BOO



HER
CHEST IS THE
ONLY THING
THAT LOOKS
NOTHING
LIKE ME...!!

G
L
A
S
S
E

THEY'RE
HUGE...!!

はっ!!
WHIP



CHAPTER 39:



MYSTERIOUS UNISON



THEY'RE
HUGE...

HER CHEST IS
THE ONLY THING
THAT LOOKS
NOTHING LIKE
ME!

THERE'S NO WAY
SHE CAN TAKE MY
PLACE IN SWIMSUIT
PHOTOSHOOTS...

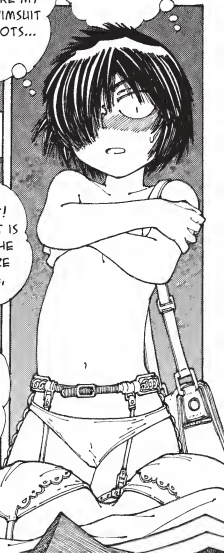


SNAP



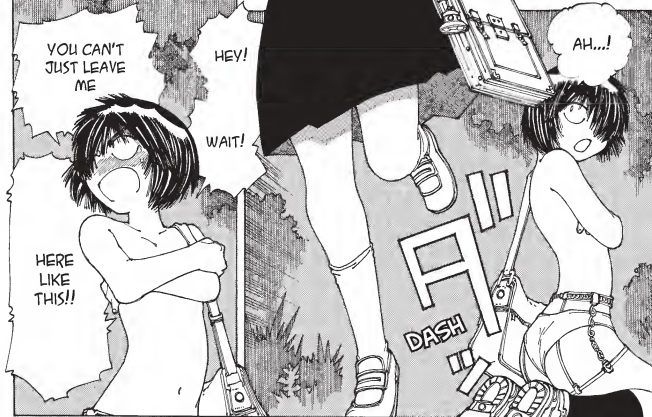
DAMN IT!
HER WAIST IS
ABOUT THE
SAME SIZE
AS MINE,

BUT HER
CHEST IS SO
DEVELOPED
...

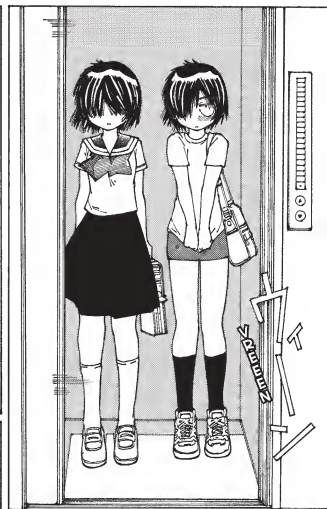


SQUEEZE



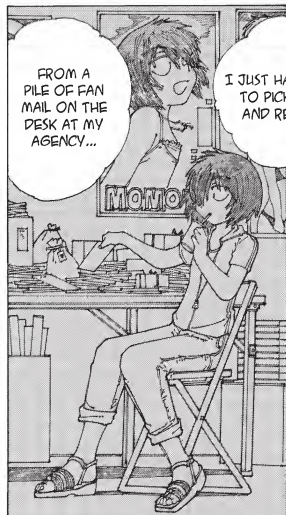












SO I'VE BEEN
HANGING AROUND
KAZAMIDAI HIGH
SINCE YESTERDAY.

I DECIDED
I WANTED TO
MEET THIS GIRL
WHO LOOKS
LIKE ME,

WHEN
I SAW
IT,

WHEN YOU
SAID WE
SHOULD
SWITCH PLACES
NOW AND
THEN...

WERE YOU
SERIOUS?

BUT

HMM
...

TOTALLY
SERIOUS!

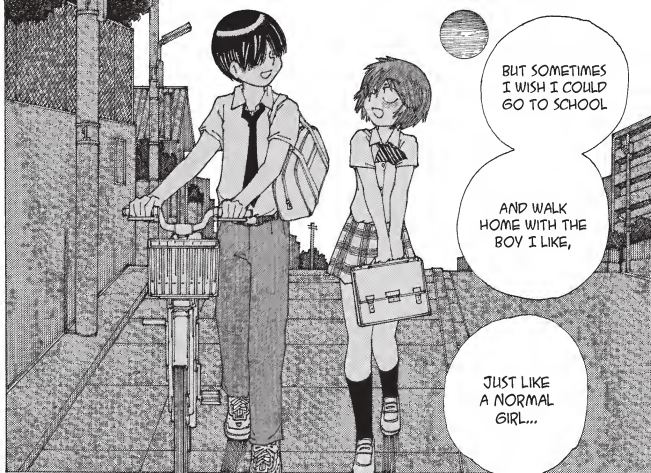
BTAM

AND IT'S
FULFILLING,
BUT...

I'M
ENJOYING
MY LIFE AS
AN IDOL,

SOMETIMES
I JUST FEEL
SO EMPTY...

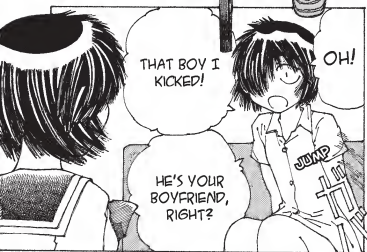
I
MEAN,



BUT SOMETIMES
I WISH I COULD
GO TO SCHOOL

AND WALK
HOME WITH THE
BOY I LIKE,

JUST LIKE
A NORMAL
GIRL...



THAT BOY I
KICKED!

OH!

HE'S YOUR
BOYFRIEND,
RIGHT?



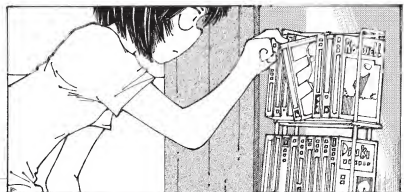
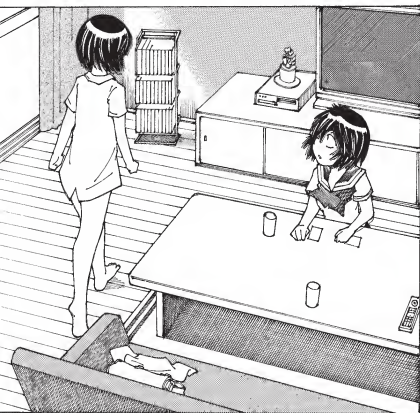
SUDDENLY
MADE ME
FEEL REALLY
LONELY.

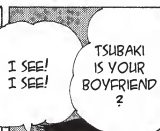
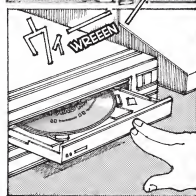
AND
ENDING MY
TEEN YEARS AS
AN IDOL

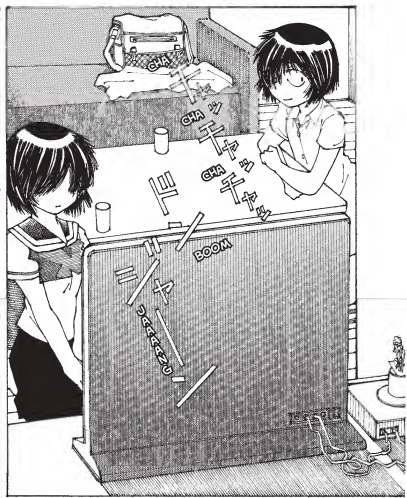


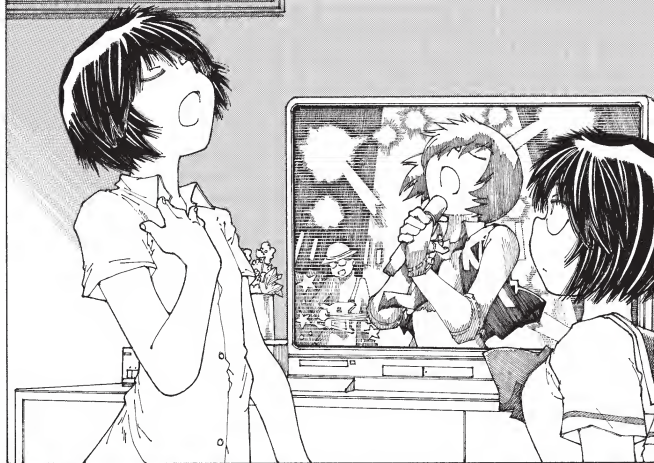
DO YOU
WALK
HOME
WITH HIM

AFTER SCHOOL
EVERY DAY?



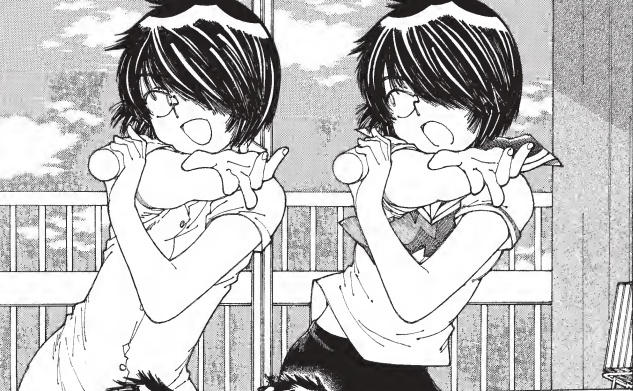


















HOW?!

DO YOU
HAVE DANCE
EXPERIENCE?

YOU'RE
PRETTY
GOOD!

NO...

I
DON'T...



REALLY
...?

AND
YOU'RE
A GOOD
SINGER
TOO!

WITH
SOME REAL
TRAINING,
YOU MIGHT
BE BETTER
THAN ME!



MAN...

EVER SINCE
I SAW YOUR
FAST MOVES
WITH THOSE
SCISSORS,

MOVING
LIKE THAT
ON YOUR
FIRST TRY

I KNEW
YOU COULD
SERIOUSLY
MOVE!

IS
AMAZ-
ING!



I
DON'T
WANT
TO...

WE'LL SWITCH
PLACES FROM
TIME TO TIME.

WILL YOU
RECONSIDER
MY PLAN?

SO?







✂ END OF

CHAPTER 39

Since the story in this volume is about an idol,
I decided to make the theme of these bonus pages
about idols, or in other words, people I admire.

MY IDOL: ①



MIKAKO TABE

(1989~)

She's an actress.

I suffered from a slipped disk last year, and during my frequent visits to the orthopedic surgeon, I often saw the NHK serial drama "Tsubasa" on the waiting room TV. She's the one who played the title character, Tsubasa. I wound up becoming her fan over the course of all those hospital visits.

Her face usually looks a bit sullen, but I think it's really cute when she smiles.

Apparently, I've always liked girls who look a little sullen. People often tell me that Urabe's face in "X" has been looking scarier recently, so it may be that my own tastes are becoming increasingly apparent as the story's serialization continues.



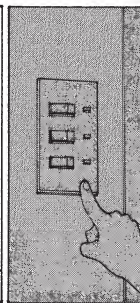
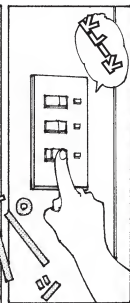
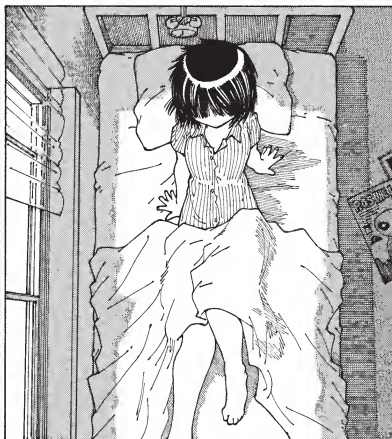
IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
MEAN SHE'S ANGRY!

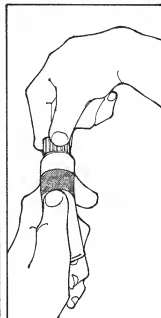
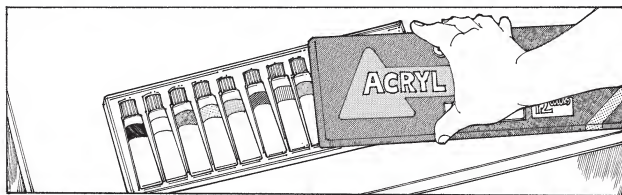
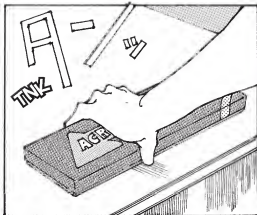
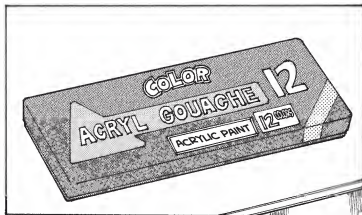


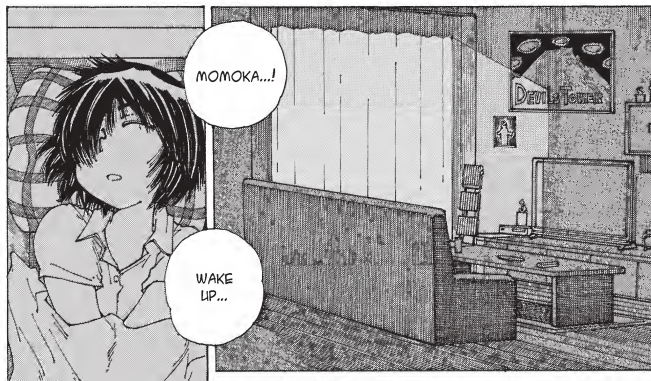
CHAPTER 40:



MYSTERIOUS WRITING









I'LL
LEAVE THE
KEY, SO LOCK
THE DOOR
WHEN YOU
GO OUT.



I HAVE
TO GO TO
SCHOOL...

HUH?
MORNING
ALREADY...?

MM...



AND
MAKE SURE
YOU STAY
HIDDEN.

BE AT
THE PLACE
I TOLD YOU
ABOUT
YESTERDAY
ON TIME,



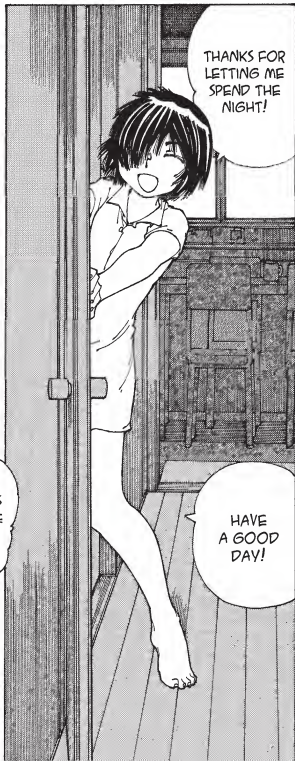
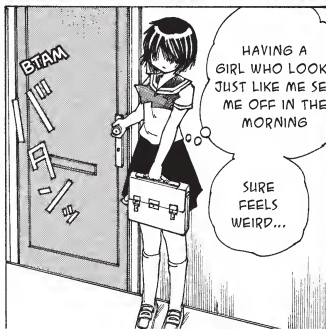
ALL RIGHT,
I'M GOING
NOW.

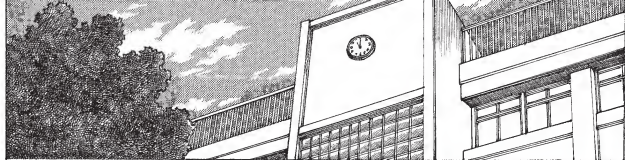
O-
KHAAY
...
YAAAWN
...

AND WHEN
YOU SEE THE
BOND BETWEEN
TSUBAKI
AND ME,

YOU
HAVE TO
GIVE UP

ON THAT
WEIRD PLAN,
LIKE YOU
PROMISED.





AND BEEN
FACED WITH
HER PANTY
SCISSORS
SEVERAL
TIMES...



THAT WAS A
REAL SHOCK...
I'VE MADE
URABE MAD

URABE
KICKED
ME...

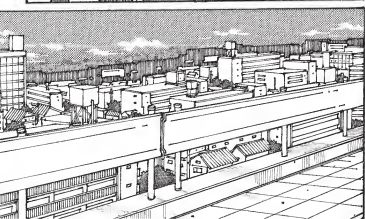
URABE
KICKED
ME...

URABE
KICKED
ME...

I'M REALLY
SHOCKED!



BUT THAT
WAS THE FIRST
TIME SHE EVER
ACTUALLY
USED
VIOLENCE
ON ME...





CAN WE DO IT
IN THAT PARK
TODAY?

INSTEAD
OF HERE,



YEAH?

TSUBAKI,

ABOUT OUR
ROUTINE...



PLEASE!

ANYWAYS...



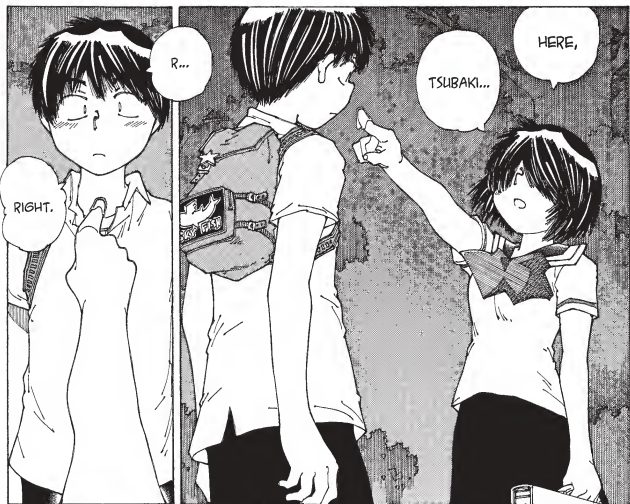
WELL,

I THOUGHT
A CHANGE
WOULD BE
NICE...

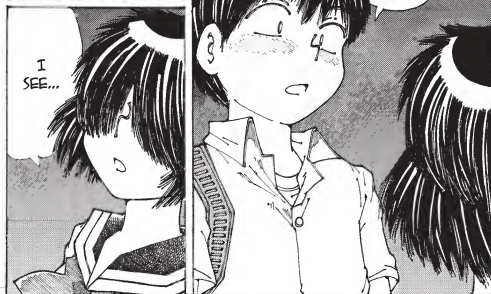
THE
PARK?

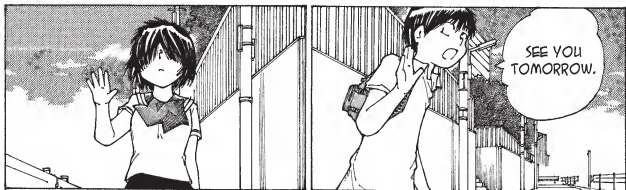
WHAT
FOR?

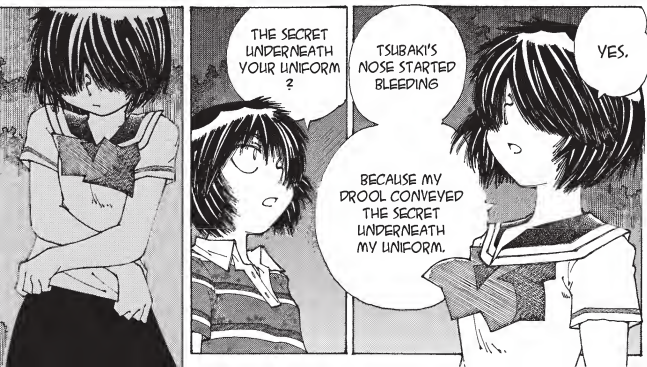
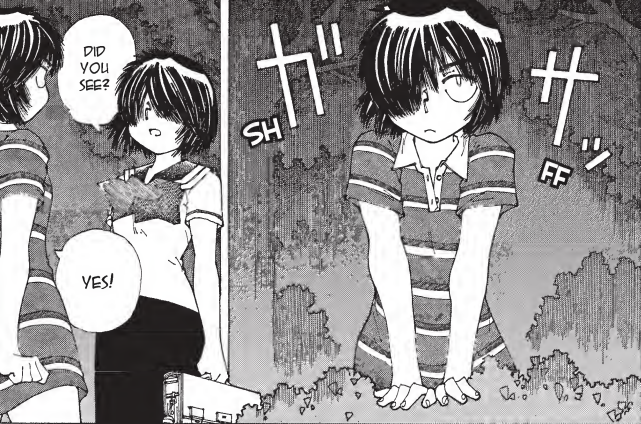


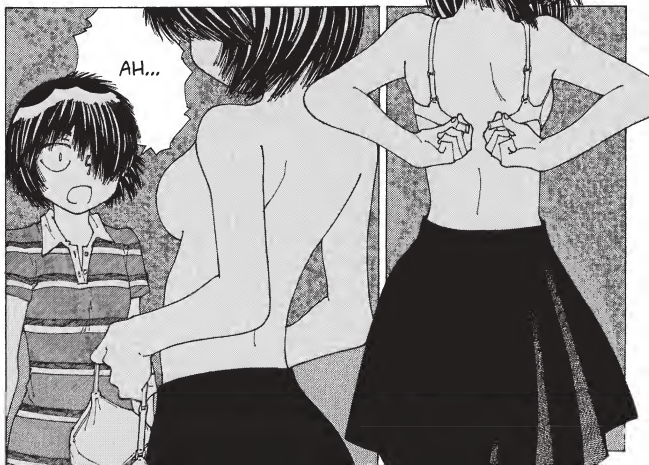
















DID YOU
PAINT THIS
ON?



"I LOVE
TSUBAKI ♡"
...

POKE

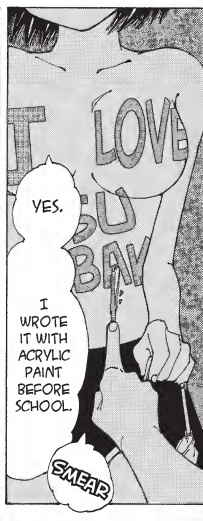


IT WAS
CONVEYED BY
MY DROOL,

WHICH MADE
TSUBAKI SO
EXCITED THAT
HIS NOSE
BLED.

EVEN
THOUGH
I DIDN'T
TELL HIM
ABOUT

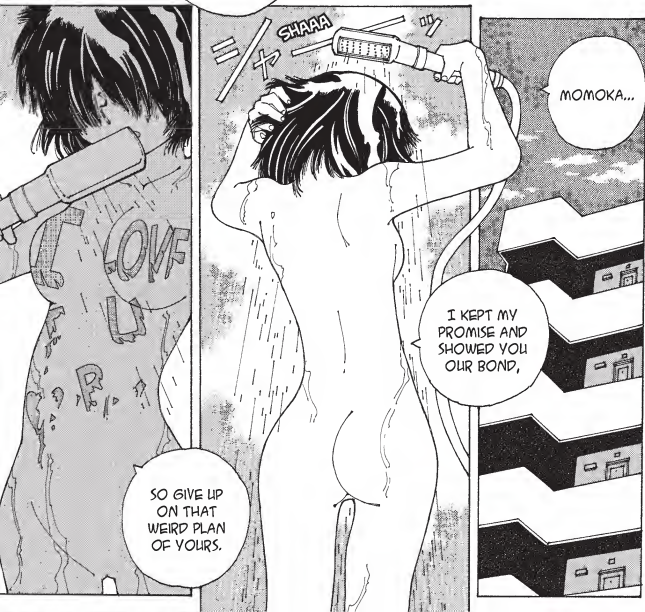
THIS SECRET
UNDER MY
UNIFORM
USING
WORDS,



YES.

I
WROTE
IT WITH
ACRYLIC
PAINT
BEFORE
SCHOOL.

SMEAR



GOING TO
SCHOOL LIKE A
NORMAL GIRL...



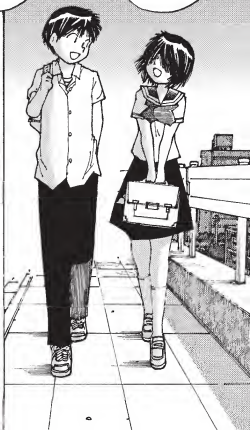
GO BACK
TO YOUR LIFE
AS AN IDOL.

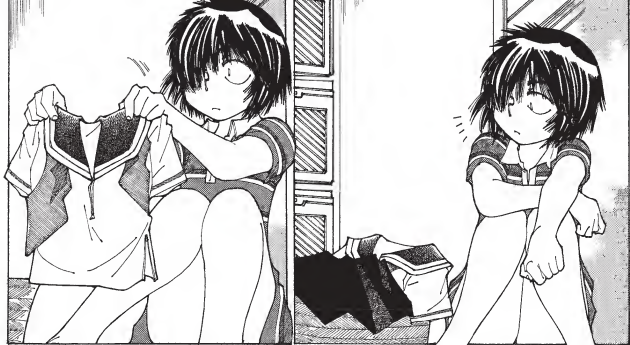


AND...



WALKING
HOME WITH THE
BOY I LIKE...





BUT
FIRST...

GIVE UP ON
MY PLAN TO SWITCH
PLACES WITH YOU,
AS PROMISED.

I
WILL

MIKOTO...

SLIDE
!!

JUST
ONCE...



AREN'T YOU
INTERESTED IN
SEEING HOW
HE'D REACT

TASTE
MY DROOL,
TOO.

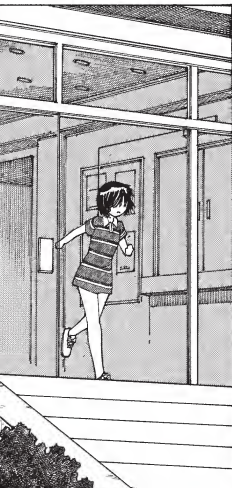
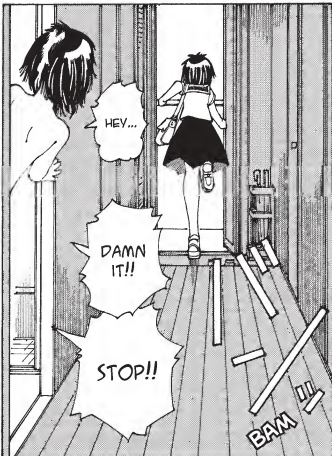
I WANT
TO LET THAT
TSUBAKI
GUY

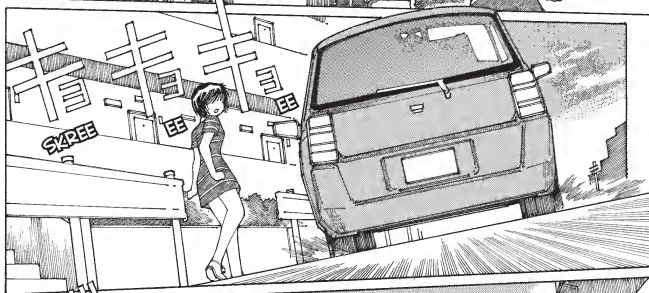
FEEDS HIM
DROOL....?

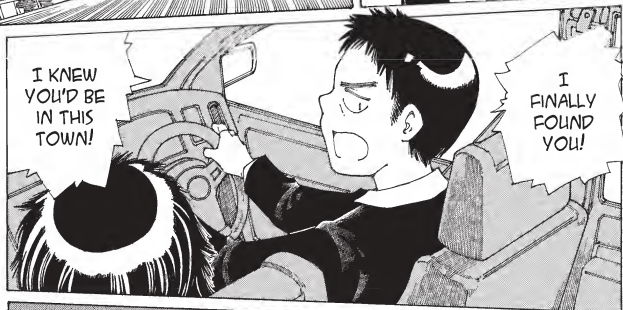
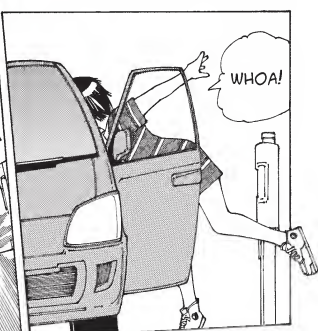
IF A
GIRL WHO
LOOKS JUST
LIKE YOU

SO, I'LL BE
BORROWING
THIS UNIFORM
FOR A WHILE!

WHAT
?!!







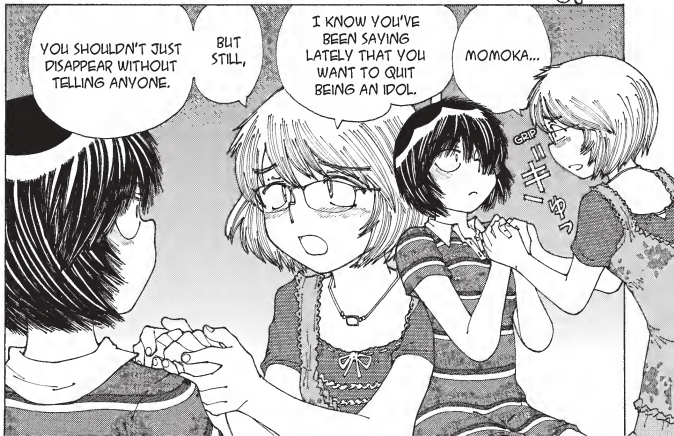
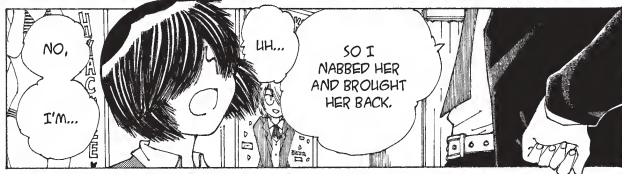
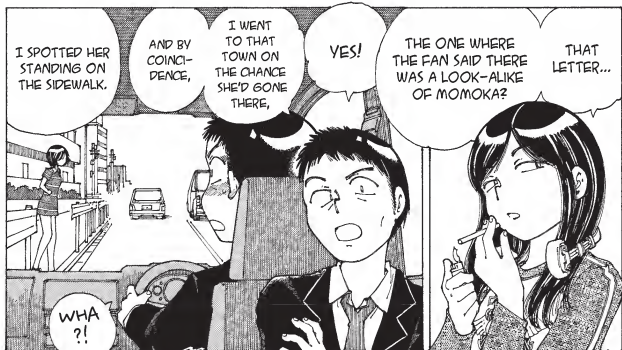




CHAPTER 41:

MYSTERIOUS PERFORMANCE







YOU CAN'T
TAKE LETTERS
LIKE THAT
SERIOUSLY.

YOU
KNOW,



DID YOU
GO TO
THAT
TOWN

YOU
WERE PRETTY
KEEN ON THAT
LETTER ABOUT
YOUR LOOK-
ALIKE.

TO TRY
AND GET THE
LOOK-ALIKE
TO TAKE
OVER AS AN
IDOL FOR
YOU?



THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
I...

UH...

NO...

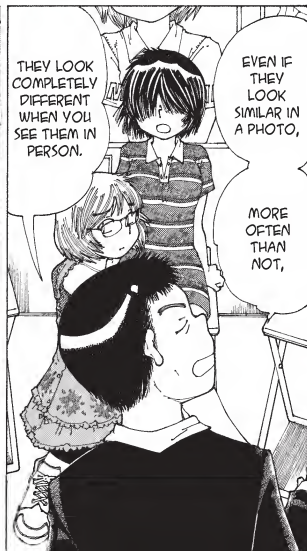


DYING
YOUR HAIR
BLACK

STILL,

LIKE THE
GIRL IN THAT
PHOTO...

SFF



THEY LOOK
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
WHEN YOU
SEE THEM IN
PERSON.

EVEN IF
THEY
LOOK
SIMILAR IN
A PHOTO,

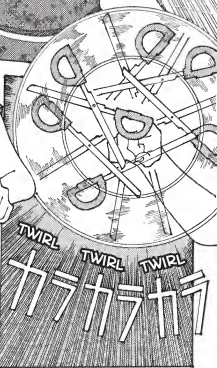
MORE
OFTEN
THAN
NOT,

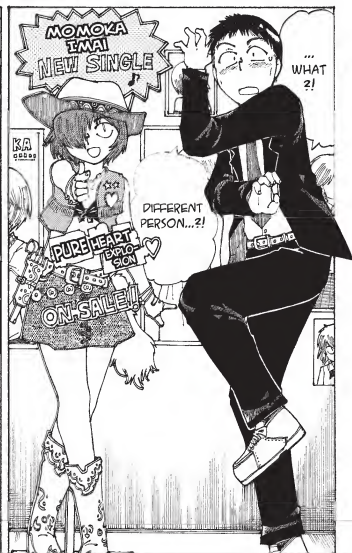


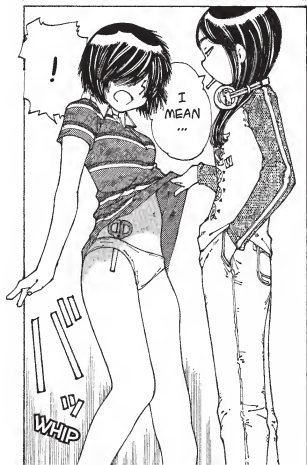
WAAAAH!

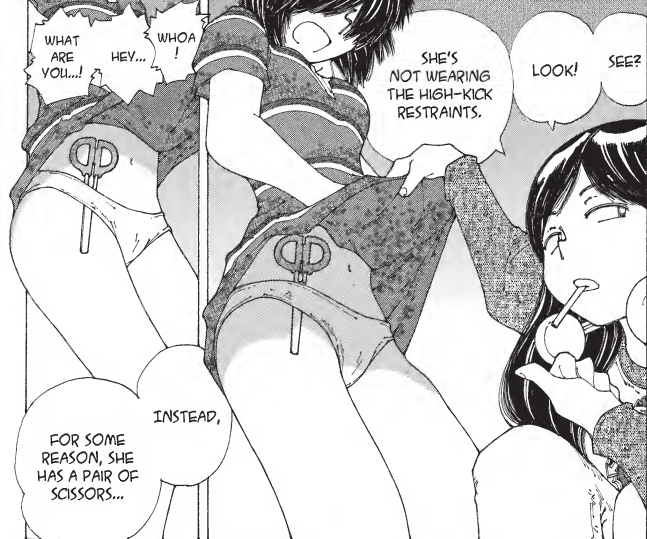
LIKE
I'VE
BEEN
TRYING
TO
SAY,

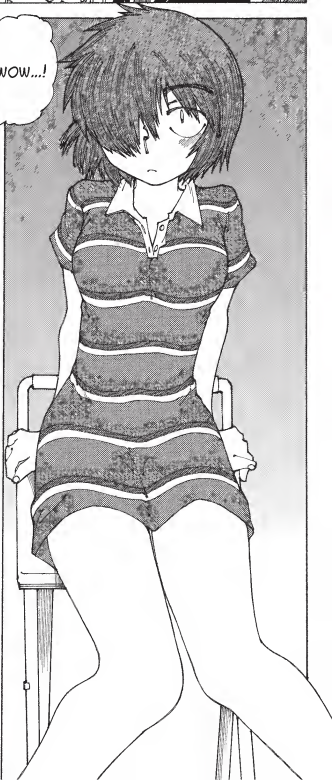
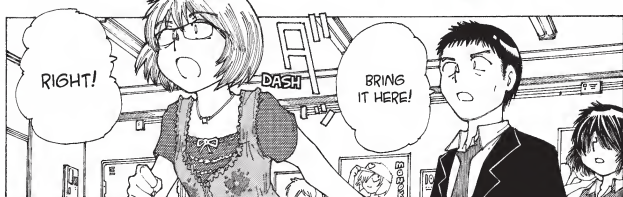
SHWIP

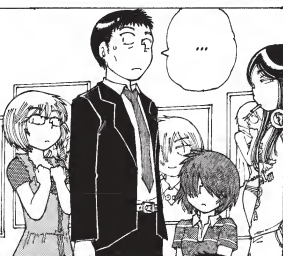


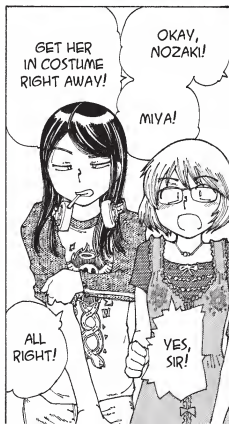
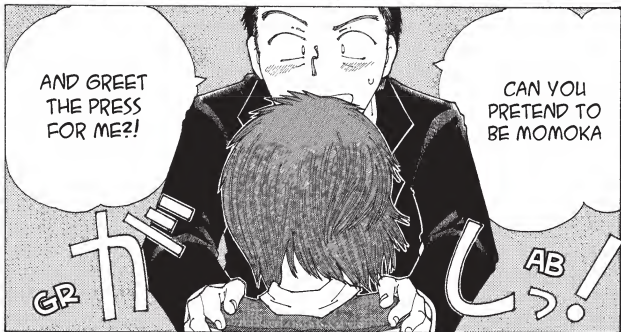


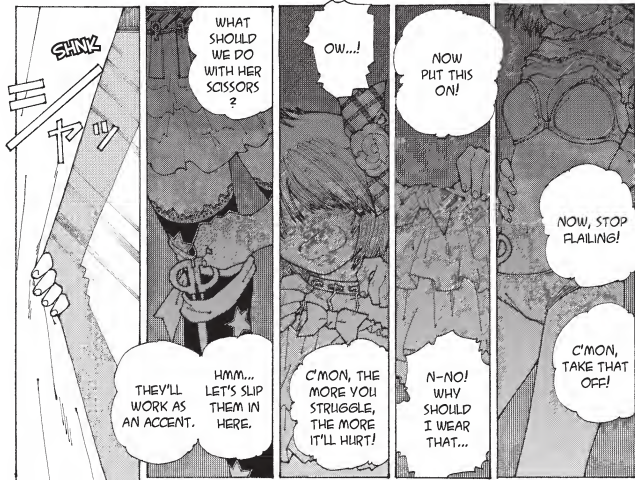














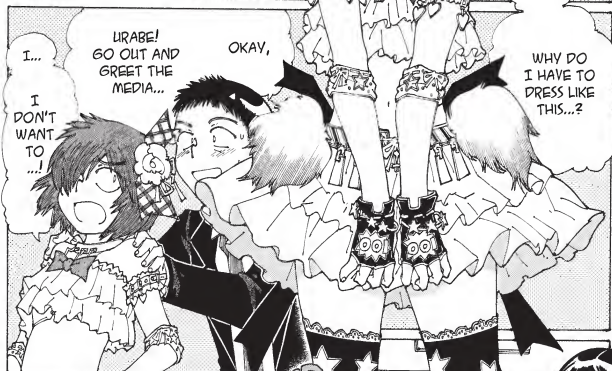
THIS IS
BEYOND
WHAT I
EXPECTED
...

WOW!

BAM

WH...

WHY DO
I HAVE TO
DRESS LIKE
THIS...?



URABE!
GO OUT AND
GREET THE
MEDIA...

OKAY,

I...

I
DON'T
WANT
TO
...!



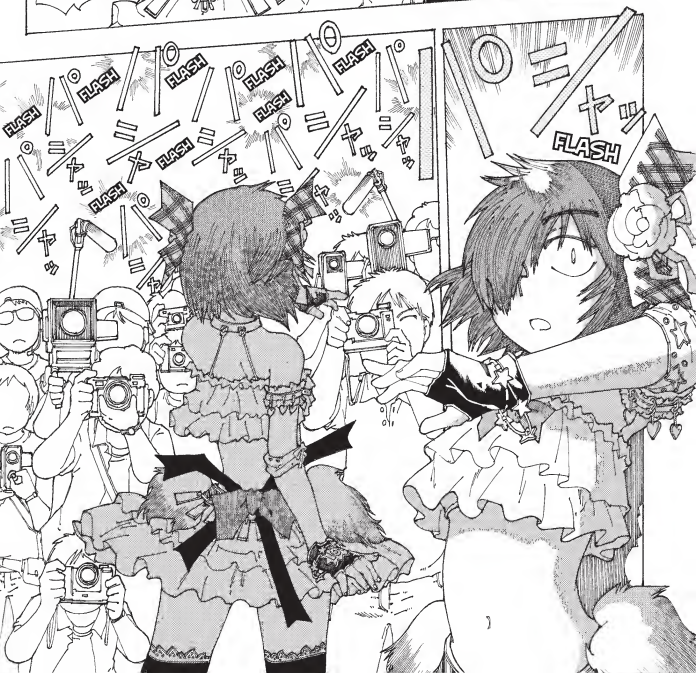
I
DON'T
WANT
TO!!

JUST SAY
SOMETHING
OPTIMISTIC,
LIKE,
"I'LL DO
MY BEST,"
AND
YOU'LL
BE FINE!

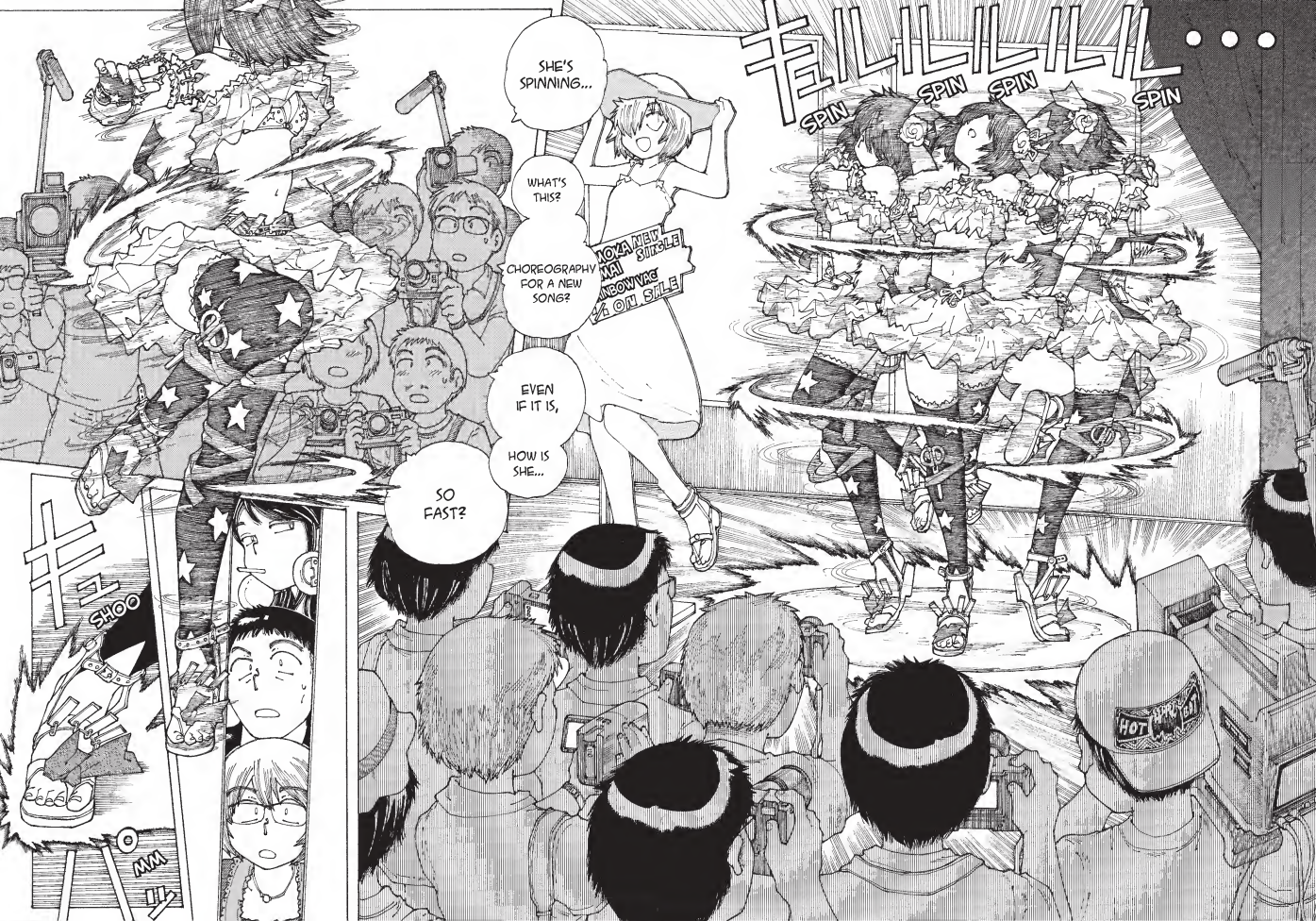
BRUSH

WHEW...

BRUSH







SHE'S SPINNING...

WHAT'S THIS?

CHOREOGRAPHY FOR A NEW SONG?

EVEN IF IT IS,

HOW IS SHE...

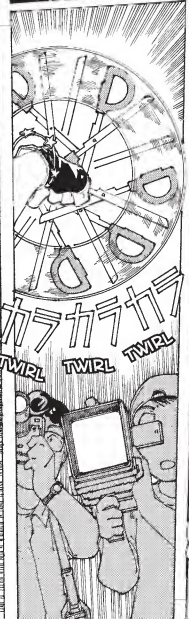
SO FAST?

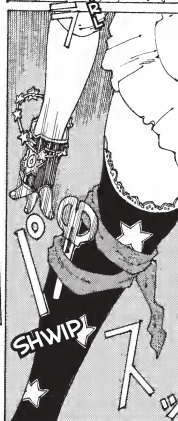
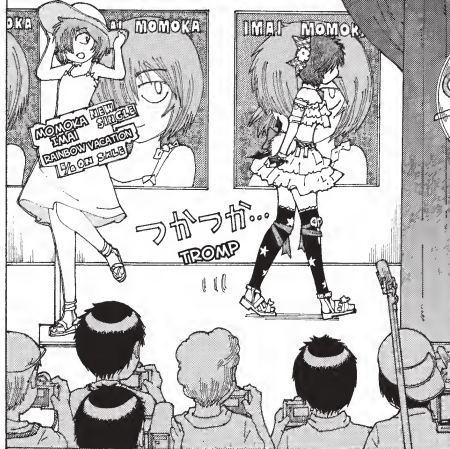
NOA NEW SINGLE
MAI KNOWS
VOCAL ON SALE

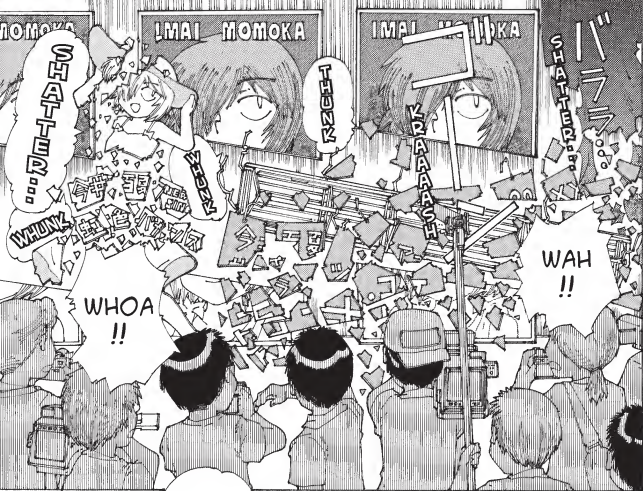
SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN

SHOO
MM
H

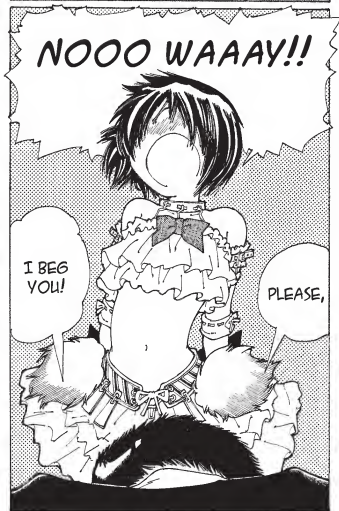
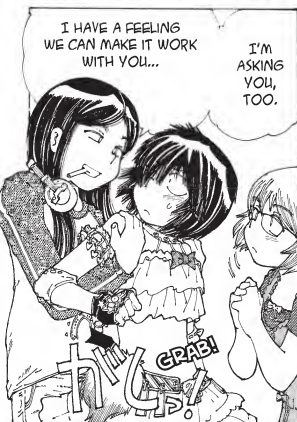
HOT









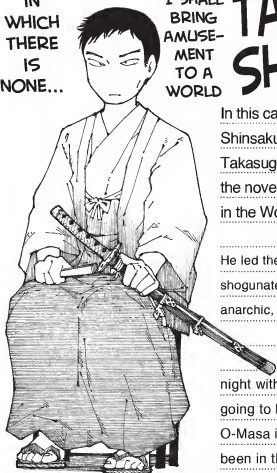


MY IDOL: 2

IN
WHICH
THERE
IS
NONE...

I SHALL
BRING
AMUSE-
MENT
TO A
WORLD

TAKASUGI SHINSAKU (1839~ 1867)



In this case, my idol is not Takasugi Shinsaku the historical figure, but Takasugi Shinsaku as the character in the novel "Yo ni Sumu Hibi" [Days Spent in the World] by Ryotaro Shiba.

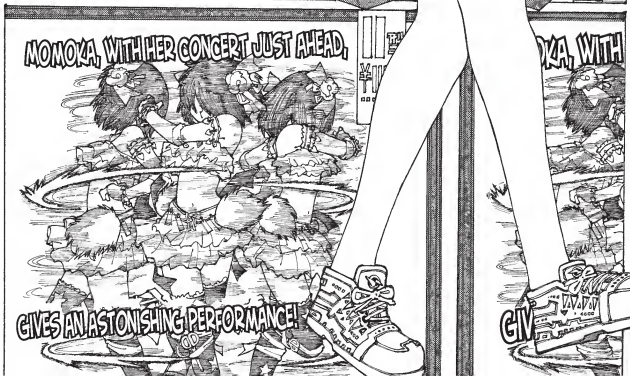
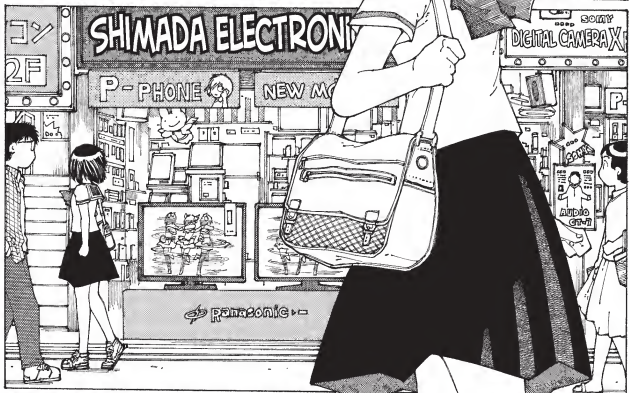
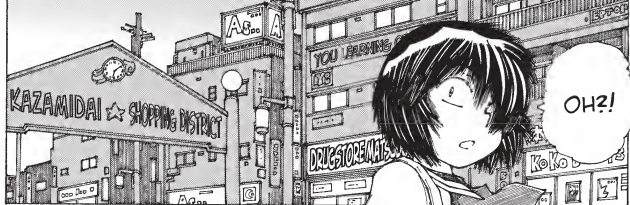
He led the movement to overthrow the shogunate in the Choshu Domain. He was anarchic, but he had a very cute side.

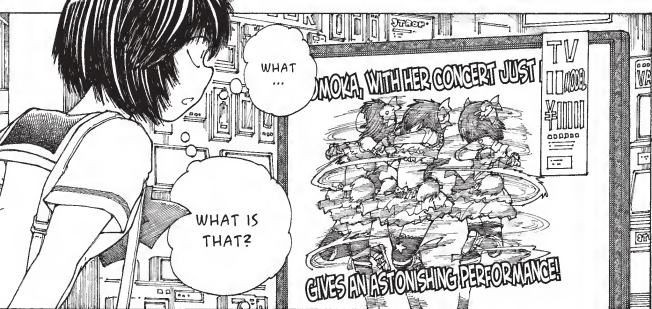
My favorite scene is his first night with his bride, O-Masa. Before going to bed, Shinsaku suddenly asks O-Masa if she remembers what had been in the stew served at their

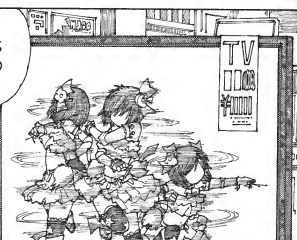
wedding. O-Masa responds by naming rice cakes, daikon, and kelp. Hearing this, Shinsaku's mood grows sour and he falls silent. O-Masa is bewildered, not knowing why Shinsaku won't speak. It turns out that Shinsaku was so nervous during the wedding that he couldn't remember anything that had been in the stew, and hearing his bride easily name the ingredients put him in a bad mood. Am I the only one who feels that dramatic scenes between men and women in Shiba's works have a lot of romantic comedy elements?

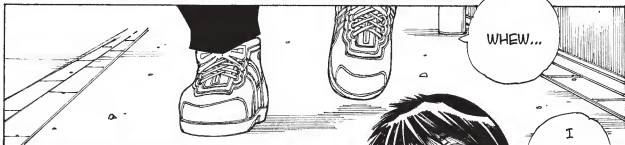


CHAPTER 42: ✂ MYSTERIOUS EXPERIMENT











URABE
?!!

LET'S WALK
TO SCHOOL
TOGETHER!

SOMEONE
MIGHT
BE WATCHING,
YOU KNOW
...

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
JUMPING ON
ME HERE?!

WHA....

AND
YOU'RE...
TSUBAKI,
RIGHT?

I'M
MIKOTO
URABE!

YEAH!

SHOVE

YOU
KNOW...

BUT WE'VE
BEEN KEEPING THAT
A SECRET FROM
EVERYONE AT
SCHOOL!

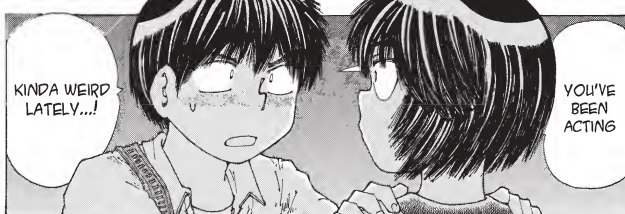
YEAH,

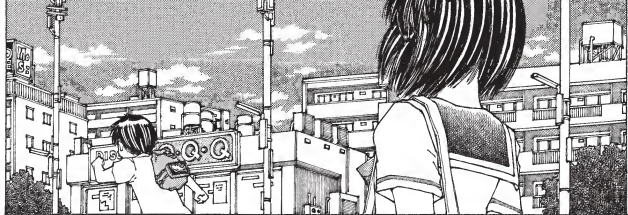
BUT YOU AND
I ARE A COUPLE,
AREN'T WE?

HUH?

WE
HAVE?

HUH?







UHH...



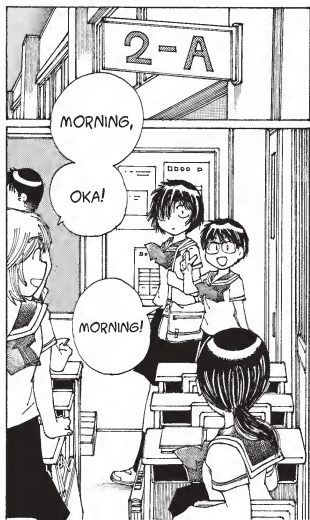
MORNING,

URABE!



YOU'RE
FROM MY
CLASS...

RIGHT?



MORNING,

OKA!

MORNING!



UHH...

YEAH!

THAT'S
UNUSUAL.

YOU'RE
CARRYING A
DIFFERENT
BAG
TODAY!

I JUST
FELT
LIKE IT.

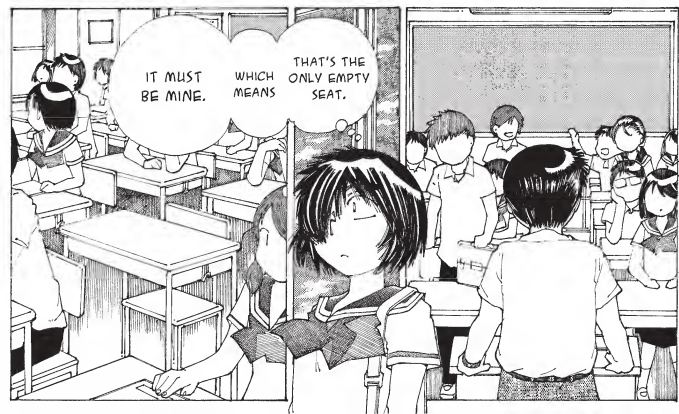
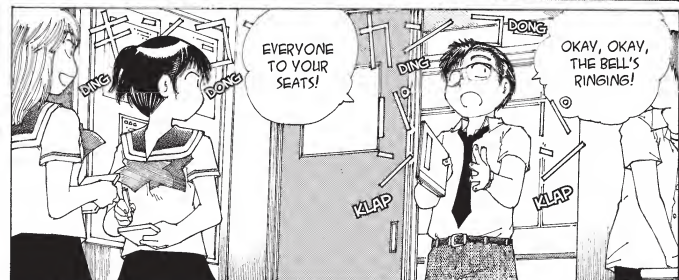
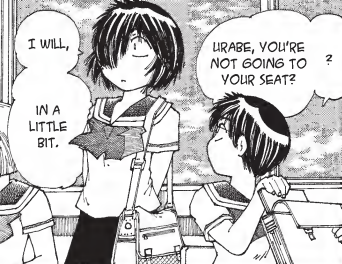


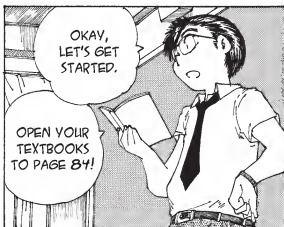
I
AM.

YEAH,
OF
COURSE

AH...

I WAS
RIGHT!





EVEN IF
WE'RE DATING
IN SECRET...

LOOKING
AT YOUR
NEIGHBOR'S
TEXTBOOK IS NORMAL,
ISN'T IT?

WHISPER

MATH II

KLAK KLAK KLAK KLAK

$$g(x) = \sin x +$$

URABE!

ALL
RIGHT!

GIVE
IT A
SHOT!

MEEEEE!

JUMP

IF ANYONE
THINKS THEY
CAN SOLVE IT,
COME UP
FRONT...

THIS ONE
MIGHT BE
A LITTLE
HARD.

KLAK KLAK KLAK

$$f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} \{g(x)\}^2 dx$$

$$x = [x - \frac{1}{2} \cos x]$$

$$0 \leq x \leq \pi$$

$$I(n) = \int_0^{\pi} x^n e^{-ax} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} e^{+1} + \frac{n+1}{2}$$





THWAP

BASH

YOU KNOW...

URABE DOESN'T SEEM

ANTISOCIAL OR GLOOMY AT ALL TODAY.

YOU, TOO, URABE! NICE ATTACK!

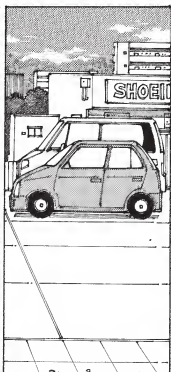
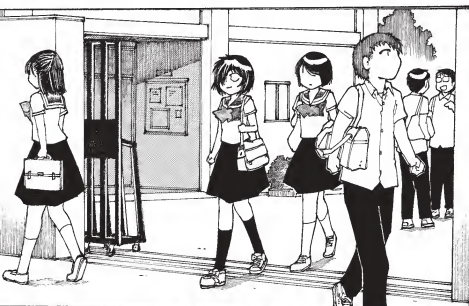
PREET

THANKS! NICE TOSS!

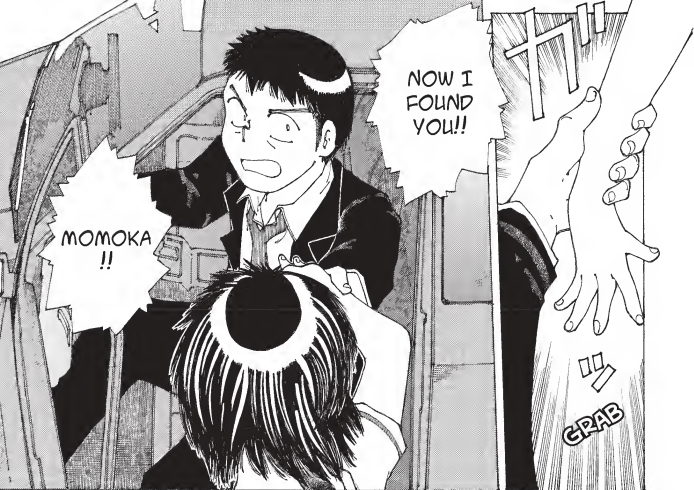
SHE'S BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL...

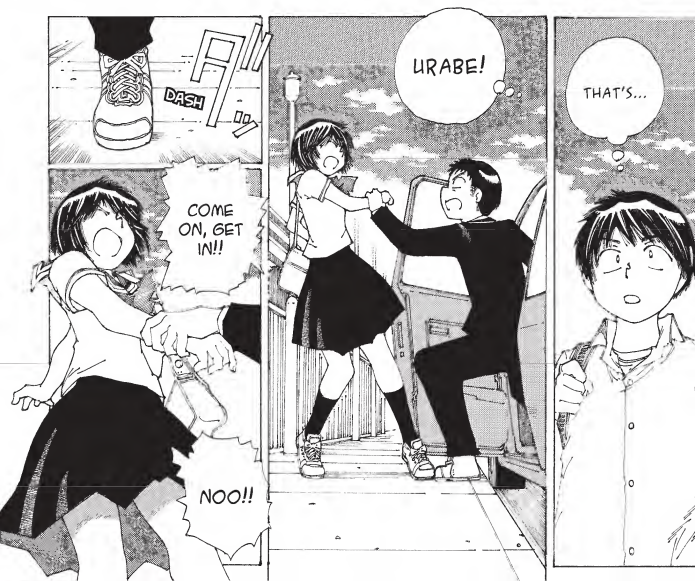
TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL URABE, RIGHT?

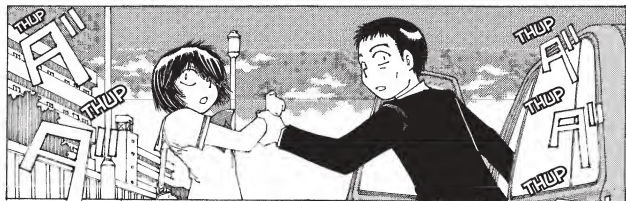
SLAP



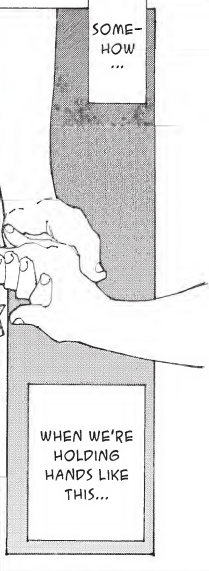


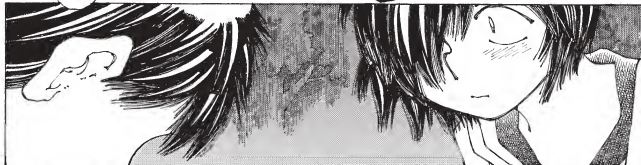
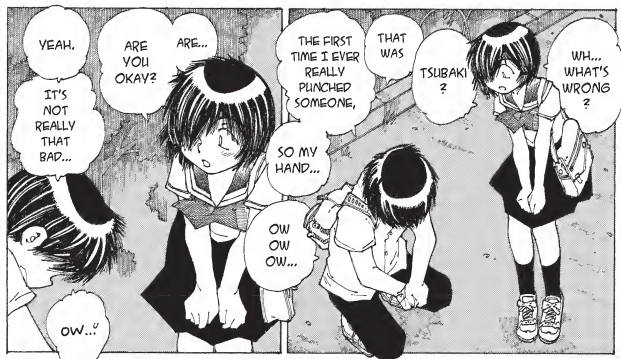


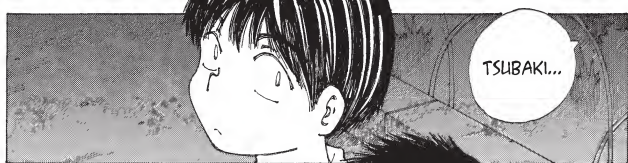


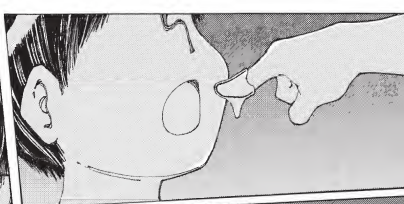


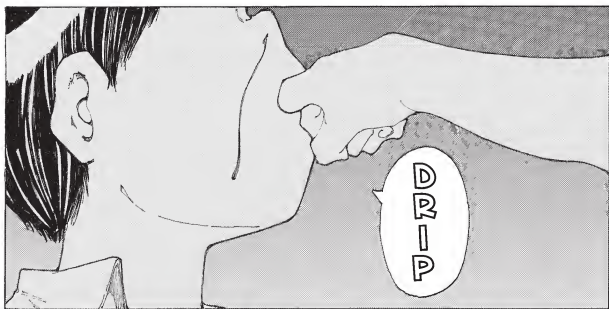












HIS NOSE BLEED WHEN
HE TASTED MY DROOL...
DOES THAT MEAN
THAT THIS BOY AND
I HAVE A BOND?!!



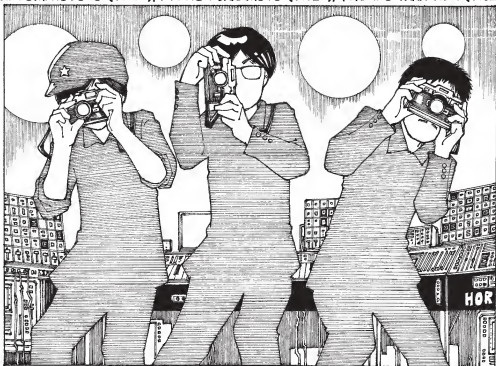
AH...



MY IDOL: 3

YMO (YELLOW MAGIC ORCHESTRA)

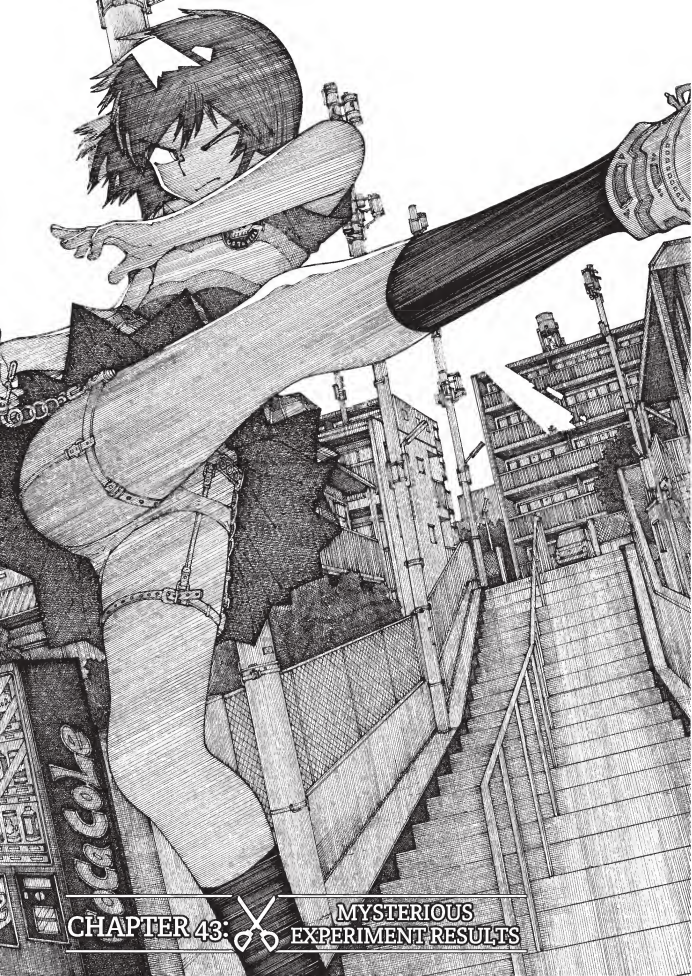
HARUOMI HOSONO (1947-), RYUJICHI SAKAMOTO (1952-), YUKIHIRO TAKAHASHI (1952-)



I've been listening to YMO since I was a teenager, and I still listen to them while I work! In the 80's, when I was in middle school, I'm sure there were many boys and girls throughout Japan, who, when asked who they'd want to reborn as, answered in all seriousness with Hosono, the "Professor," or Yukihiro.

They're definitely idols to me.

By the way, I've also been listening to Hatsune Miku's YMO cover album, "HMO→Hatsune Miku Orchestra," a lot lately. My favorite songs from that album are "Propaganda," "Behind the Mask," "La Femme Chinoise," and "Nice Age."



CHAPTER 43: ✂ MYSTERIOUS
EXPERIMENT RESULTS



HERE, OUR
ROUTINE...

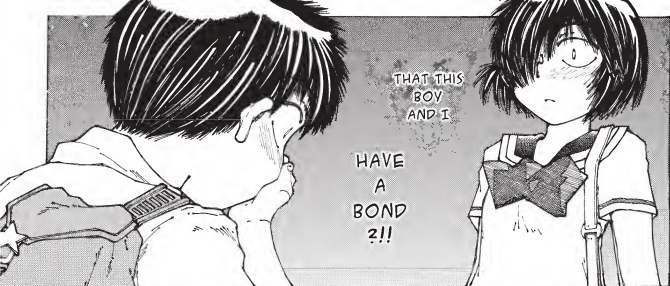
TSUBAKI...

AH...

OKAY.

SHLP







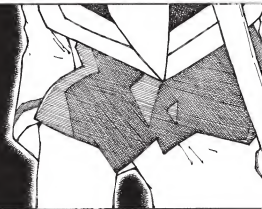
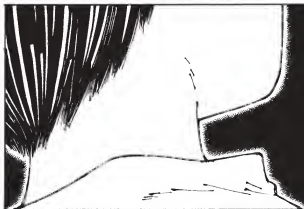




IF I FOUND OUT WE HAD A BOND,

I WOULD BECOME
MIKOTO URABE

AND KISS THIS
TSUBAKI GUY...

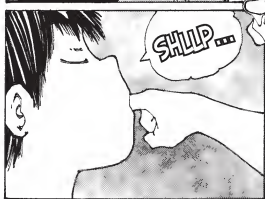


BUT AS
MIKOTO
URABE,
THE
NORMAL
GIRL...

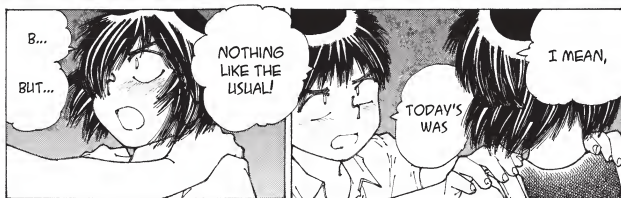
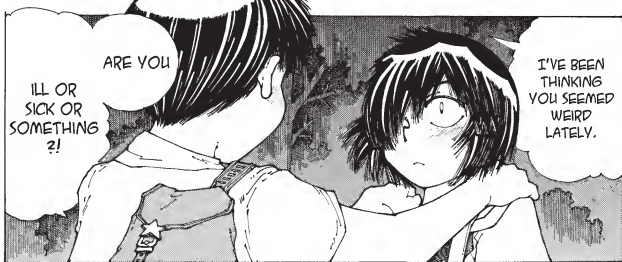


NOT AS
MOMOKA
IMAI THE
IDOL,

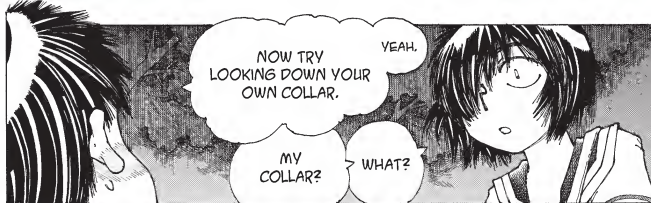












YOUR
HEART
RACED,
YOU FELT
HAPPY AND
GOT A
NOSEBLEED
...

WHEN YOU
TASTED MY
DROOL,

SO...

SO,
IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

THAT
WASN'T FROM
MY DROOL,

JERK

WHAP

NOW
THAT I
SAW
IT...
IT MIGHT
BLEED
AGAIN

AH...



YEAH...

UH...

WELL...

MY
CHEST...
WHEN YOU
TASTED
IT?

IT WAS
BECAUSE YOU
SAW MY...



HIS
NOSE ONLY
BLED BECAUSE
HE SAW MY
CHEST AND GOT
AROUSED...

THAT
MEANS



DON'T
HAVE A
BOND
AT
ALL!!!

SO
HE
AND
I

SHAKE
わな

SHAKE
わな

UH...

UHM,

UIRABE...



THEY'RE
NEW.

THEN YOU
CAN HAVE
THESE.

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
UNDER-
WEAR?

THIS
UNIFORM
DOES
HAVE
A WIDE
COLLAR
...

AND I
BORROWED
THE BRA
FROM
MIKOTO
WHEN I
STAYED
OVER...

IT'S
TOO
BIG, SO
THERE'S
A GAP...
AND
HE...
GULP...





SO THE REASON
YOU'VE BEEN SO
WEIRD LATELY
MUST BE BECAUSE
OF SOME PHYSICAL
CHANGE, RIGHT?

WHEN I LOOKED
DOWN YOUR SHIRT,
I THOUGHT THEY
LOOKED A WHOLE
LOT SMALLER THAN
THEY USED TO...

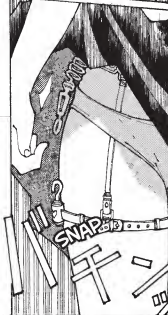


WELL,

SMALL
BREASTS

I GUESS
EVEN

ARE
CUTE IN THEIR
OWN WAY,
BUT...









YOUR DANCING IS ON PAR WITH MOMOKA, A PRO.

AND HONESTLY,

YOUR SINGING ISN'T HALF BAD,

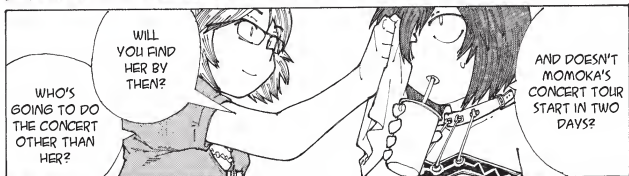
SO WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM PUTTING HER ON THAT TV INTERVIEW THIS EVENING, RIGHT?

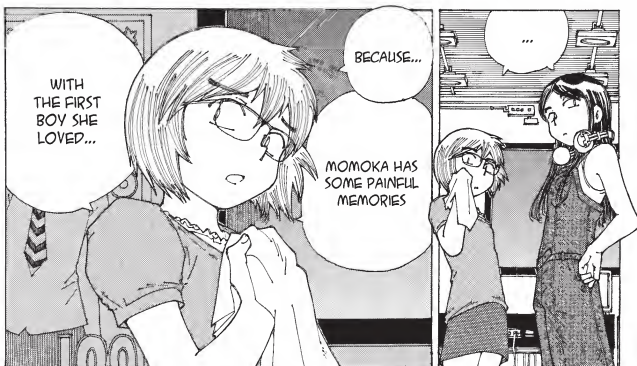
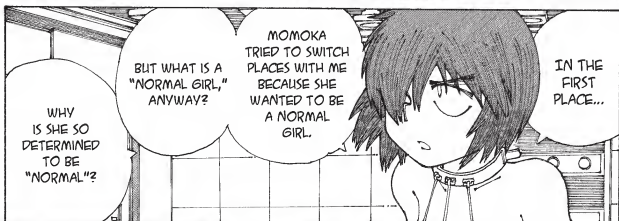
GUESS NOT.

REMEMBER, I'M ONLY FILLING IN FOR HER

BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE UNTIL YOU FIND HER!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAVEN'T YOU FOUND THE REAL MOMOKA IMAI YET?







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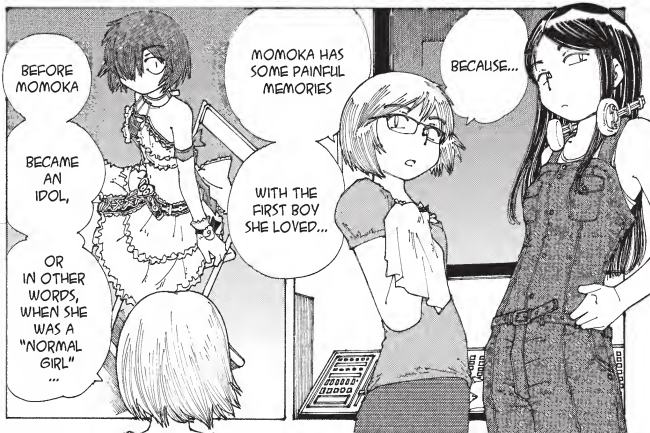


BUT WHAT IS
A "NORMAL
GIRL,"
ANYWAY?

MOMOKA TRIED
TO SWITCH PLACES
WITH ME BECAUSE
SHE WANTED TO
BE A NORMAL GIRL.

IN
THE FIRST
PLACE...

WHY
IS SHE SO
DETERMINED
TO BE
"NORMAL"?



BEFORE
MOMOKA

BECAME
AN
IDOL,

OR
IN OTHER
WORDS,
WHEN SHE
WAS A
"NORMAL
GIRL"
...

MOMOKA HAS
SOME PAINFUL
MEMORIES

WITH THE
FIRST BOY
SHE LOVED...

BECAUSE...



THE FIRST
BOY MOMOKA
EVER FELL IN
LOVE WITH.

THERE
WAS A BOY
AT HER SCHOOL
SHE REALLY
LIKED...



AND
DEBUTED AS
AN IDOL,

WHEN
SHE WAS
SCOUTED
ON THE
STREET BY
MR. TAKAGI

SHE GREW
MORE AND
MORE
FAMOUS
...



THOUGH, AT
THE TIME,
SHE DIDN'T
TELL HIM
HOW SHE
FELT,

SO IT WAS
JUST A ONE-
SIDED CRUSH...



MUSTERED
UP HER
COURAGE

AND
TOLD
HER
CRUSH

MOMOKA ON
THE DAY SHE
TRANSFERRED,

SO,

AND THEN,
SHE LEARNED

THAT SHE
WOULD
TRANSFER
FROM

HER OLD
SCHOOL TO A
SCHOOL IN
TOKYO.



THEN...

WELL...

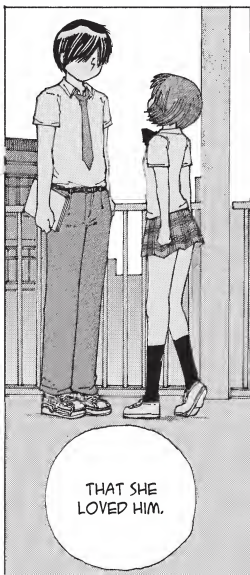
JUST AS
HE WAS
ABOUT
TO KISS
HER...



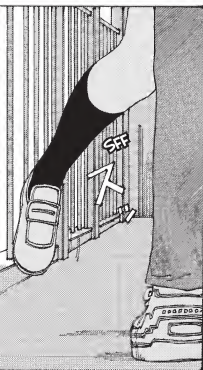
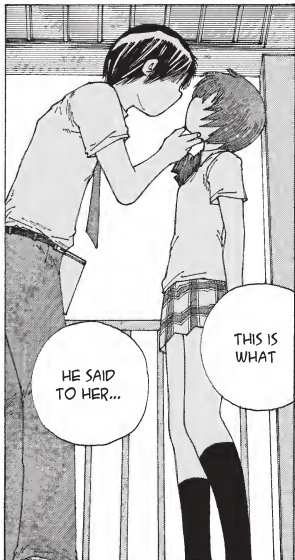
HE
ACCEPTED
HER
FEELINGS,

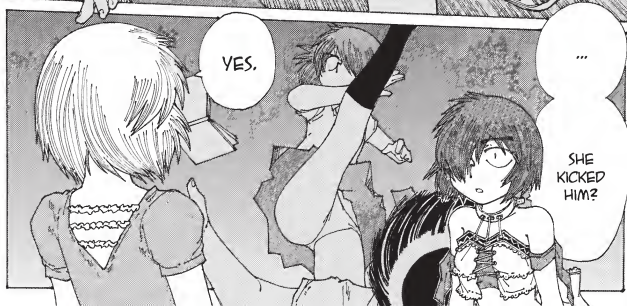


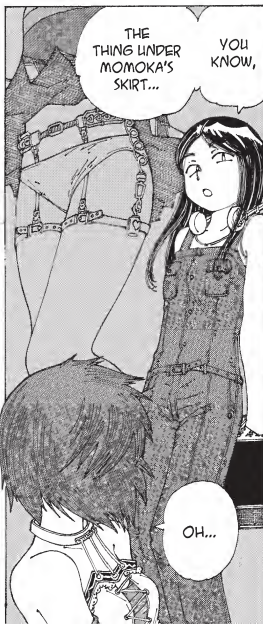
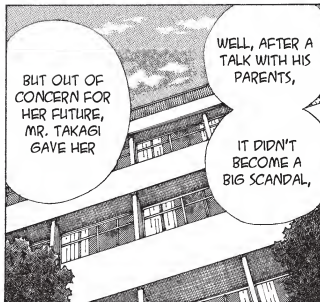
AND THEY DECIDED
TO MEET UP NOW
AND THEN, EVEN IF
THEY WENT TO
DIFFERENT
SCHOOLS...

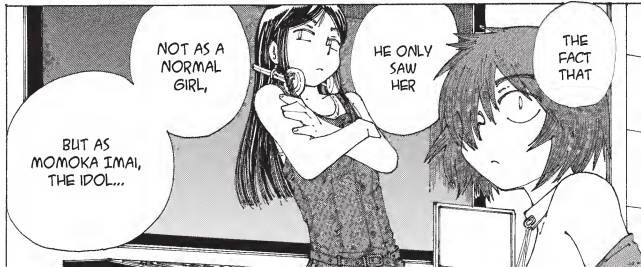
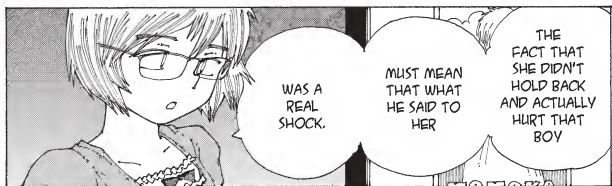
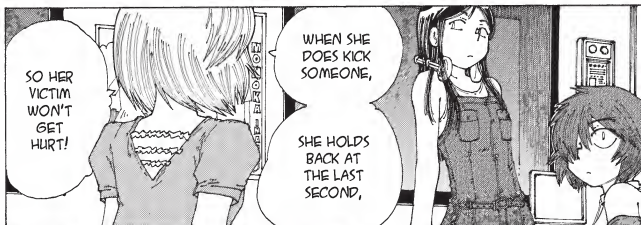


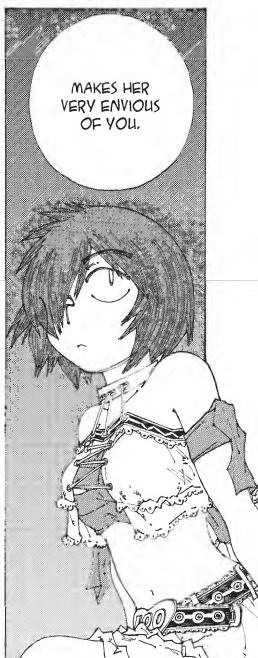
THAT SHE
LOVED HIM.

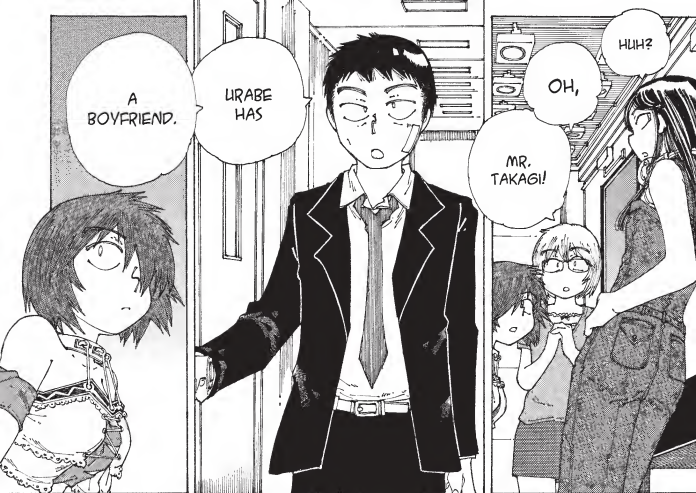












A
BOYFRIEND.

URABE
HAS

OH,

HUH?

MR.
TAKAGI!

LOOKS
LIKE HE'S
MISTAKEN
MOMOKA

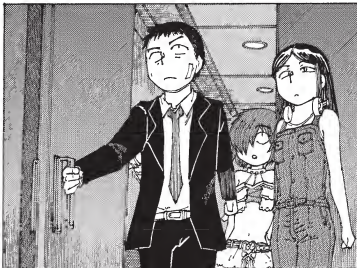
SOME
BOY CAME
RUNNING
OUT OF
NOWHERE
AND PUNCHED
ME.

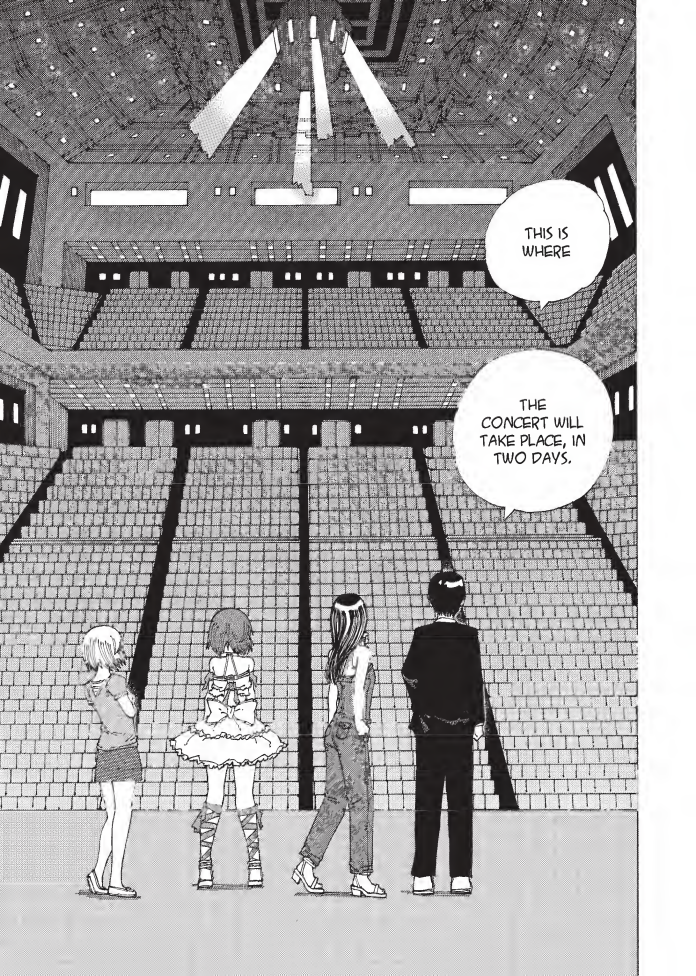
WHEN I
GRABBED
MOMOKA
AND TRIED
TO PUT
HER IN THE
CAR,

FOR
HIS OWN
GIRLFRIEND.

IN
FACT...

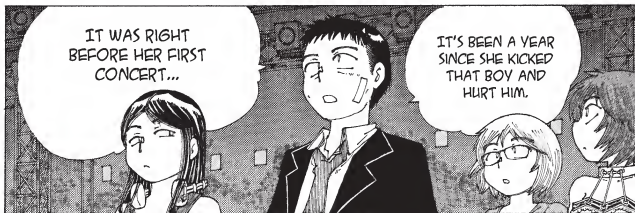






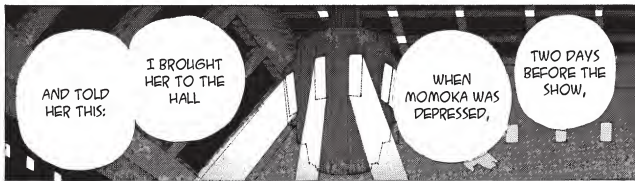
THIS IS
WHERE

THE
CONCERT WILL
TAKE PLACE, IN
TWO DAYS.



IT WAS RIGHT
BEFORE HER FIRST
CONCERT...

IT'S BEEN A YEAR
SINCE SHE KICKED
THAT BOY AND
HURT HIM.

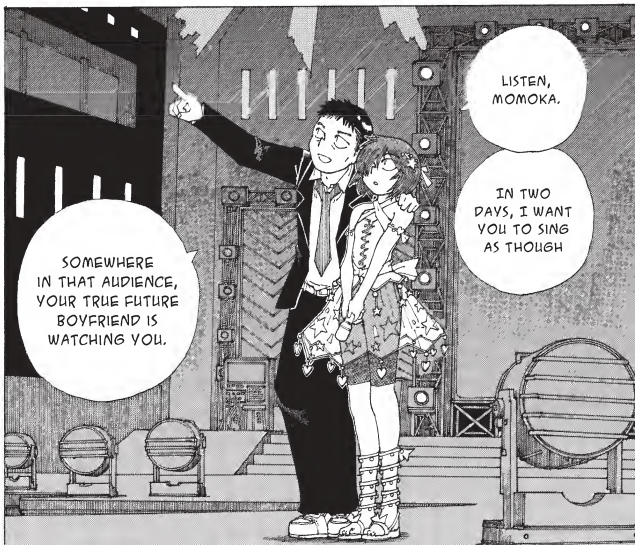


AND TOLD
HER THIS:

I BROUGHT
HER TO THE
HALL

WHEN
MOMOKA WAS
DEPRESSED,

TWO DAYS
BEFORE THE
SHOW,



LISTEN,
MOMOKA.

IN TWO
DAYS, I WANT
YOU TO SING
AS THOUGH

SOMEWHERE
IN THAT AUDIENCE,
YOUR TRUE FUTURE
BOYFRIEND IS
WATCHING YOU.



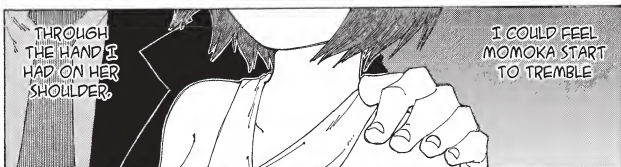
AMONG
ALL THE FANS
WHO CAME TO
SEE YOU.

AS IF
YOUR FUTURE
BOYFRIEND IS
OUT THERE

SING WITH ALL
YOUR MIGHT,



AFTER
I SAID
THAT...



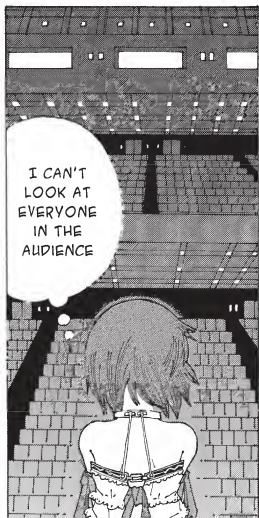
THROUGH
THE HAND I
HAD ON HER
SHOULDER.

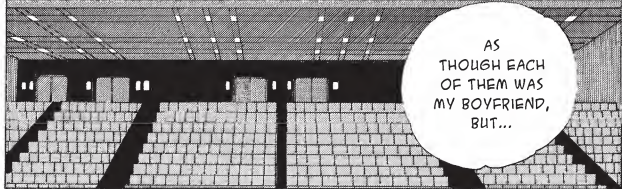
I COULD FEEL
MOMOKA START
TO TREMBLE



AND
PUT ON A
FANTASTIC
CONCERT.

TWO
DAYS LATER,
MOMOKA
PRETENDED
EVERYONE IN
THE AUDIENCE
WAS HER
BOYFRIEND

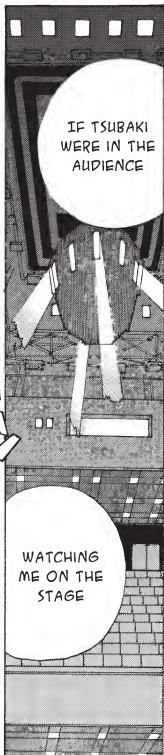




AS
THOUGH EACH
OF THEM WAS
MY BOYFRIEND,
BUT...



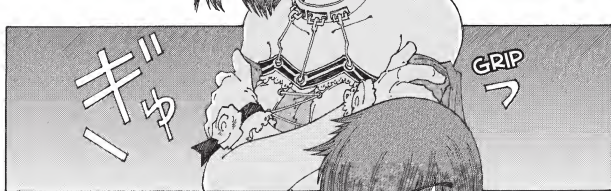
AND I
HAD TO
SING AND
DANCE IN
FRONT OF
HIM...

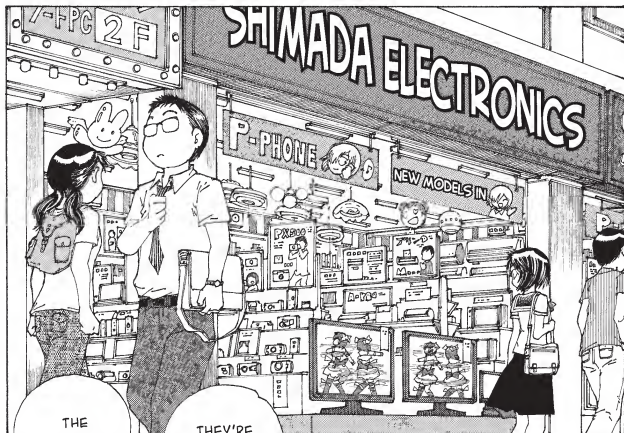
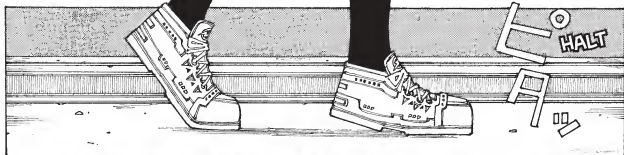


IF TSUBAKI
WERE IN THE
AUDIENCE

WATCHING
ME ON THE
STAGE







THE
VIDEO OF
MIKOTO...

THEY'RE
PLAYING IT
AGAIN...





HYAKKI
IS SO
CUTE!



THIS
PERFORMANCE
IS GREAT!

THE
CONTRAST
BETWEEN HER
CUTENESS AND
THOSE SPEEDY
MOVES

IS REALLY
SOMETHING
ELSE!



THAT
GIRL

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

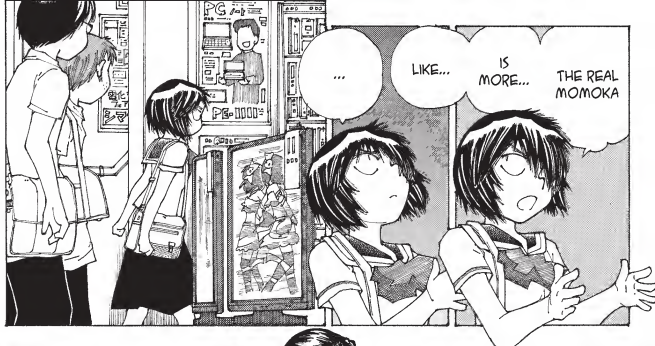
ISN'T EVEN
MOMOKA.

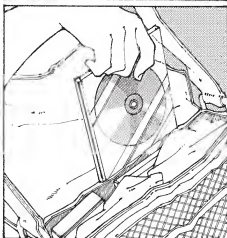
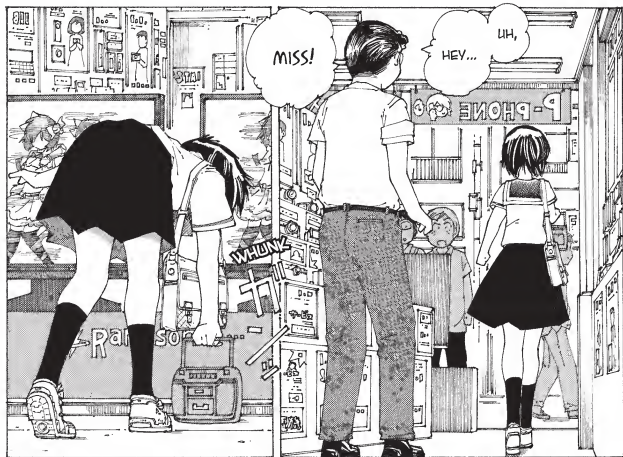
YOU CAN TELL
IF YOU LOOK
CLOSELY.

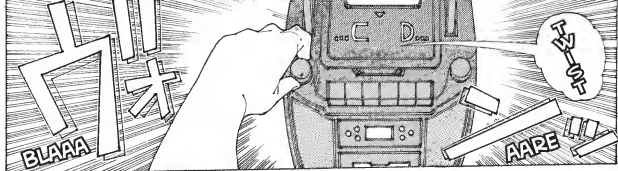
WHAT'S
YOUR
DEAL?

HUH?

HUH?







✂ END OF CHAPTER 44

WELL,
THIS IS A
COMIC
ABOUT
THAT
SORT OF
GIRL.

DON'T YOU
THINK A GIRL
WHO DROOLS
WHEN SHE
FALLS ASLEEP
IS CUTE?



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